

Charles V. Owen, Jr., 80, of Bella Vista, Arkansas died Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Mercy Medical Center, Rogers, Arkansas. He was born October 17, 1928 in Atlantic, Iowa to Charles Virgil Owen and Marguerite Darrow Owen.

Charles was raised and educated in Atlantic, Iowa graduating from Atlantic High School in 1944. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944 and was honorably discharged in 1946. He attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1952. Charles married Joanna Crawford on November 27, 1949 in Griswold, Iowa. He began working at Iowa State University as a research metallurgist with the Ames Research Lab, retiring in 1988. They moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas. He was a member of the ATO Fraternity, Jaycees, American Association of Metallurgy, former Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and Cub and Boy Scout Director and volunteer. He also loved hunting, fishing, and golfing.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Charles is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joanna of Bella Vista, Arkansas; three sons, Dr. Micheal David Owen of Ames, Iowa, Gary Charles Owen of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Jeffrey Stephen Owen of Bloomington, Indiana; one daughter, Michelle Susan Taylor of Johnson, Kansas; fifteen grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Bella Vista Cemetery, Columbarium on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Arrangements are by the Bella Vista Funeral Home & Crematory, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715.