

John “Jack” Heck, 81, of Bella Vista, Arkansas died Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Northwest Medical Center of Benton County in Bentonville, Arkansas. He was born on August 6, 1927 in Hornick, Iowa to Ross Heck and Gladys Forney Heck.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a teacher and coach and later worked for Horace Mann Insurance Company for over 25 years in Nebraska and Iowa. He moved to Bella Vista in 1983 where he owned and operated J.C. Golf Cars, retiring in 1993. He was an avid golfer and member of Bella Vista Golf Association for many years, bowler and enjoyed playing cards, especially bridge, and doing cross word puzzles. He was a Mason for over 50 years and a Shriner for over 45 years. He was the family historian and loved his grandchildren. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carmen Heck of Bella Vista, Arkansas; six sons, John “Dave” Heck and wife, Penny of Omaha, Nebraska, James Heck and wife, Jennifer of Lincoln, Nebraska, Joel Heck and wife, Ivette of Haymarket, Virginia, Jay Heck and wife, Kristie of Garden Grove, California, Jerald Heck and wife Deborah of Huntington Beach, California, Jeffrey Heck and wife, Kaylene of Omaha, Nebraska; one brother, William Heck of Minnesota; three sisters, Shirley Longwell of South Sioux City, Nebraska, Mary Ann Robertson of Pender, Nebraska, Bonnie Rossiter and husband, Jim of Sioux City, Nebraska; thirteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2009 at the Bella Vista Funeral Home Chapel, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas, with a Masonic Service at 7:00 p.m. Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church, 20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista, Arkansas with Military Honors by Bella Vista Honor Guard.