

Ortheldo Peithmann

FARMER CITY — Ortheldo A. Peithmann, 88, of Farmer City died at 8 a.m.



Friday (Oct. 13, 2006) at home.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Oct. 21 at Farmer City United Methodist Church, followed by a luncheon.

There will be no visitation. Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home, 106 N. Main St., Farmer City, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Peithmann was born Dec. 8, 1917, south of Hoyleton, a son of Arthur Hermann and Alice Louise Hake Peithmann. He married Winona Cocking on Aug. 21, 1943, in Joplin, Mo. She survives.



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Also surviving are two sons, Robert Cocking Peithmann of Columbia, S.C., and William Arthur Peithmann of Mahomet; a daughter, Alice Marian Kropp of Colonial Heights, Va.; a sister, M. Lorraine Orr of Ladue, Mo.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two infant siblings.

Mr. Peithmann graduated from Centralia High School in 1935 and the University of Illinois College of Agriculture in 1939 with a bachelor's degree and in 1942 with his master's degree. He served as a lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps during World War II and served in the Ryukyu Okinawa campaign. He participated in accepting the surrender of the Japanese army in Korea and was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of captain.

Mr. Peithmann graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1948 and worked in the private practice of law in Farmer City for 57 years, first with his wife, and since 1985, also with his son. He was the Farmer City attorney for more than 31 years and the

Farmer City Fire Protection District attorney.

He was a president of the DeWitt County Bar Association, Farmer City Chamber of Commerce, Farmer City Kiwanis Club and Woodland Country Club. Mr. Peithmann was a director of the Farmer City State Bank for 36 years and a trustee of Farmer City Methodist Church and Woodlawn Improvement Association. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and UI Alumni Association. He was a lifetime and 32nd degree member of Masonic Lodge and received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Farmer City Chamber of Commerce in 1986 and the Lodge Builder's Award from Farmer City Lodge 710 AF&AM in 1993.

Memorials may be made to Farmer City Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 49, Farmer City, IL 61842.