


QUINCYAN!



CLETUS LOGSDON

Cletus Logsdon is an amazing man and QuincyBuzz thinks you need to know about him. He walked in the Veterans Day Parade last Saturday. Yes, I said walked. He walked from 18th & Maine to 5th & Maine then walked the entire parade route at the Illinois Veterans Home Saturday afternoon. I asked him if he had been to Washington DC on one of the Honor Flights. He replied “No, and I have no interest in going. I served my country, that was enough for me.” When we parted at the Veterans Home he was headed to home to walk his daily route and make sure he had enough exercise.



Cletus Leroy Logsdon was born on March 8, 1924 in Brown County Illinois. He was the second of eleven children. As a youngster, he worked many odd jobs to help the family pay bills and buy food.

At age 16, Cletus joined the CCC, a government program for boys from poor families and World War I Veterans. He went on to serve in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. He spent one and a half years training in South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. Cletus then went to Europe for another one and a half years and was in three battles – the last battle being Belgium and Luxembourg, or the “Battle of the Bulge”. After the war with Japan ended, he toured several cities in Switzerland, one of his childhood dreams.



In 1947, Cletus married Doris Limkemann. They were together for 63 years until she passed away last year. They had four children. Cletus worked at General Mills in Keokuk, IA (aka, ADM today) for 39 years. For several years, Cletus did bee keeping as a hobby. Fresh, sweet honey was plentiful around the Logsdon household! He and his wife also baked and decorated cakes for special occasions for family and friends. Cletus enjoyed many activities with his family including gardening, camping, roller skating, sled riding, ping pong, and board games to name a few. He was also very involved in church activities with his wife and children.



Cletus maintains a vegetable garden every year. He enjoys being outdoors and loves to walk. Another hobby that he is well known for is collecting aluminum cans. He says that, besides the exercise he gets while “hunting” for cans, he meets a lot of interesting people. And you never know, he just might bring you a tomato or a treat! Cletus is currently a member of Columbus Road Baptist Church and also attends Madison Park Christian Church.

Quincy and QuincyBuzz are very proud to call Cletus a Quincyan!