Raymond C. Beran, 84

Raymond C. Beran, 84, of Victor, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2003, at Brooklyn Estates Nursing Home in Brooklyn. Services were held Saturday at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor, where the Rev. Maynard Brodersen served as officiant. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Raymond C. Beran Memorial Fund.

Raymond, the son of Clarence and Minnie (DeMeulenear) Beran, was born March 25, 1919, in Victor. He was raised on the family farm and attended a rural school near his home. On Nov. 28, 1940, he married Gemma Irene Claeys in Victor and the couple made their home on the Beran family farm south of Victor where they lived until moving into Victor in 1980.

He was a devoted member of St. Bridget’s Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree, Victor Lions Club, HLV Booster Club, was a 4-H leader for nearly 25 years, was a long-time board member of Farm Service and served on the board of the Iowa County Pork Producers Association. He enjoyed gardening and attending his grandchildren’s activities. He also enjoyed baking pies for which he was known as “the Victor Pie Man.” In 2002, he received the Governor’s Volunteer Award.

He is survived by three daughters and their spouses, Kathryn and Donald Brush of Urbandale, Berniece and Ronald Kleppe of Cedar Rapids, and Ruth Ann and Bert Dieter of Aurora, Ill.; three sons and their spouses, Kenneth and Pat Beran of Derby, Kans., and Dave and Joann Beran of Victor; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille Laing of Waterloo and Agnes Griffin of Hudson, Fla.; and one brother, Harold Beran, of Davenport.