Rev. Robert T. Ellis, 69

The Rev. Robert T. Ellis, 69, of Garner died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska.

His memorial service was held Friday, Sept. 21 at the United Methodist Church in Garner with the Rev. Kay Hooper and Rev. James Pemble officiating. Liturgist was Marjean Ehlers. Inurnment was Saturday, Sept. 22 at Jackson Cemetery, Montezuma, Iowa.

Visitation was held Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Cataldo Funeral Home with a Masonic service at 7:30 P.M.

Memorials may be directed to the Garner United Methodist Church or the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

Robert Taylor Ellis, the son of Paul Campbell and Alice May (Taylor) Ellis, was born February 2, 1932 at Atlantic, Iowa. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1949, William Penn College in Oskaloosa in 1968 and St. Paul School of Theology in 1972. On January 26, 1955 he married Betty Mae Gregory Loftin at Omaha, Nebraska.

Bob served in the following United Methodist parishes: Hedrick-Martinsburg and Plate City, Missouri; associate pastor at Waterloo First United Methodist; campus minister at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls; Perry First United Methodist Church and Garner United Methodist Church from which he retired in 1997. He enjoyed his family, friends, woodworking and photography.

He was a member of the United Methodist Annual Conference, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Garner Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge and past member of the Garner Chamber of Commerce.

Bob is survived by his wife, Betty, of Garner; four children, Constance Ellis and Rich of Milpitas, CA, Chris Loftin and Lorna of Dallas Center, Greg Ellis and LuAnn of Des Moines and Richard Ellis and Jacque of Webster City; eight grandchildren; a brother, John Ellis and Mavis of Yuma, AZ; and an uncle, John Ellis and Doris of Stanhope.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Dorothy Pedersen.