Gene Patterson

Gene Patterson, 74, 307 East Strait St., Gilman, died March 8, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, March 12, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Rice, pastor of the Gilman United Methodist Church, officiating. Music was by Carol Plum, organist, and Jill Harris, vocalist. Casket bearers were Tom Dillman, Ron Johnson, Bill Mason, Craig Lovig, Joe Scurr and Gary Sears. Honorary bearers were Gary and Susan Davis, Glen and Rosella Dillman, Robert and Leslie Lovig Jr., Bill and Janet Johnson, Harry and Janet Scurr, Clarence and Judy Sears and Robert and Donna Stonewall. Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman. Memorials may be directed to the Gilman United Methodist Church for handicapped accessibility.

He was born Sept. 6, 1928, in Marshall County to Glenn A. and Elizabeth Ward Patterson. He was raised in Gilman, graduating from Gilman High School in 1946. He also attended Cornell College, returning to Gilman following his education to assist his father in farming.

He was married on Aug. 20, 1950, to Marilyn B. Thorns in Toledo. The couple lived near Gilman and he operated a grain and livestock farm until his retirement in 1983.

He was a member of the Gilman United Methodist Church of which he was an officer and trustee. He also was a charter member of the Gilman Lions Club and a former member of the Gilman City Council, the Gilman School board and the Gilman Volunteer Fire Department, and was a founder and original board member of the Gilman Medical Clinic.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Patterson of Gilman; one son Tom Patterson of Gilman; three daughters, Kathy Davis, Arlington, Texas, Sally Kriegel, Gilman, and Joyce Harris, Waukee; seven grandchildren and three brothers, Jerry Patterson, Pico Rivera, Calif., and Ward Patterson and Frank Patterson, both of Gilman. He was preceded in death by his parents and twin daughters, Marilynn and Marilee Patterson.