Dr. Merle H. Lang, 88

Dr. Merle H. Lang, 88, of Davenport, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Genesis East Medical Center. Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m., at the Michael J. Manatt Community Center, 105 Jackson St., Brooklyn. Visitation will also be held at the Michael J. Manatt Community Center on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the service time. Inurnment will be at a later date in Davenport Memorial Park. The family requests memorials be made to the Iowa State Veterinary College Student Scholarship in care of Iowa State Foundation, 2505 University Blvd., Ames, IA 50010, or a favorite charity. The Runge Mortuary is assisting his family. Online condolences may be left at www.rungemortuary.com.

Dr. Lang was born Dec. 19, 1921, in Brooklyn, the son of Howie and Stella (Hendrickson) Lang. He served in the Army during World War II. He was united in marriage to Mary Patricia McGuirt in 1943; she preceded him in death in 1977. He married Bonnie on May 4, 1974, in Rock Island, Ill.

Dr. Lang graduated from Iowa State Veterinary College in 1954, and established his practice in Davenport. He was a practicing veterinarian from 1954 until 1977, when he was appointed State Veterinarian of Iowa. He retired in 1987, and recently had moved back to Davenport.

Those left to honor his memory include his loving wife, Bonnie of Davenport; daughter, Suzanne (Carmen) Kugler of Roswell, Ga.; son, Rodney (Susan) Lang of Leland, N.C.; stepchildren, Mike Meinert (Kathy Weaver) of Loveland, Colo., Teresa Meinert (Steve Rock) of North Liberty, and Mark (Cindy) Meinert of Davenport; grandchildren, Scott, Kirk, Mary, Karen, Madison, Sarah, Luke, Stephen, Julie, Kody; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Maynard (Dorothy) Lang, Jack (Marilyn) Lang, and Larry (Suzanne) Lang; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents and sisters, Evelyn Moore and Irene Gallagher, preceded him in death.

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He is survived by his wife Bonnie of Davenport; his daughter Suzanne Kugler of Roswell Ga.; his son Rodney Lang of Leland, N.C.; his stepchildren, Mike Meinert of Loveland, Colo., Teresa Meinert, North Liberty, and Mark Meinert, Davenport; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his brothers, Maynard Lang, Jack Lang and Larry Lang. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Evelyn Moore and Irene Gallagher.