

Howard Rosfjord

Howard Rosfjord, 83, of Grinnell, a former long-time LeGrand/Dunbar-area farmer, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at the Mayflower Community where he has resided for the past two years.

A funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 26, at Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown with the Revs. Jeff Blackman of Gilman Community Church and David Raymond of Newton officiating. Interment in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens followed. A memorial fund has been established.

He was born Sept. 21, 1925, south of LeGrand in the same house as his mother, the son of Herman and Mabel Knudson Rosfjord. He graduated from Dunbar High School as valedictorian in 1943. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was united in marriage with Barbara Miller of Conrad on Nov. 23, 1949, in the Little Brown Church. They resided in Tama prior to moving to their home place for 43 years.

He farmed; sold Archer Oil; was a member of the Gilman United Church of Christ for over 50 years, serving as treasurer, moderator and Sunday School superintendent; Marshall Masonic Lodge #108 A.F. and A.M., originally the LeGrand Lodge, for over 50 years; the Order of the Eastern Star of which he was a state Grand Officer in 2002; Cedar Valley Farm Business board of directors; the American Legion; a former member of the Tama County Fair board of directors; a 4-H leader and a Little League coach.

He was especially proud of his Century Farm.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara Rosfjord; his sons and daughter, Merlin Rosfjord of Durant, Steve Rosfjord of Le Grand and Mary Jo Keith of Coralville; three grandchildren and his sister Marjorie Stubbs of Green Mountain. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister Vivian Kouba and one brother, Donald.

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