Virgil Stanley

Virgil Stanley, 77, of Osceola and formerly of Grinnell, died Aug. 11, 2011, at his Osceola home.

A funeral service was held at Kale Funeral Home on Monday, Aug. 15, with the Rev. William Ballard, HCI Care Services chaplain, officiating. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the HCI Care Services of Osceola or the University of Iowa wrestling program.

He was born in Grinnell on May 7, 1934, the son of Harold Mac Stanley and Hazel Maxine Weaver Stanley. He attended country schools, and graduated from Grinnell High School. On Dec. 16, 1951, he was united in marriage with Evelyn Joan Moore in Newton, and the couple had six children. He farmed in the Grinnell/Tama area for a short time before moving to his farm in Clarke County where he farmed for 40 years. He and Joan moved to Osceola last September.

Virgil was a former member of Clarke County Old Iron and Southern Iowa Coon Hunters. He enjoyed sprint cars at Knoxville, John Deere two-cylinder tractors, coon hunting, Hawkeye football and wrestling, old time country, and farming.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Joan Stanley of Osceola; his six children, Jack Stanley of Adel, Marjorie Patterson of Urbandale, Ken Stanley of St. Charles, Kathryn Weiser of Osceola, Brian Stanley of Osceola, and Chad Stanley of New Virginia; one brother, Max Stanley of Albion; one sister, Linda Ficek of Center Point; 16 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his grandson, Brandon Patterson.