



EDWARD J. FLANDER

Edward J. Flander, 95, of Milton, and formerly of What Cheer died March 20, at the Bloomfield Care Center.

He was born Dec. 9, 1916, at Harper, the son of John R. and Irene Conrad Flander.

He worked on the family farm and helped his family get through the great depression. He went to work doing construction for his brother in law in Des Moines and later in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On Dec. 20, 1938, he was united in marriage to Mabel Luella Free in Des Moines, Mabel died on Dec. 20, 1979.

In the early 1940's he moved to the Eddyville area and began farming. In 1946 he moved to the Indianapolis area to farm. In the 1950's he went back to doing carpentry work in Des Moines. In 1964, he went back to farming full time.

On June 30, 1980, he was united in marriage to Betty Harris at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. He moved to Milton in 1993. At his home in Milton, he set up a woodworking shop, where he enjoyed making swings and crafts.

His family includes his wife Betty Flander of Milton; seven children, Rosemary (Ken) Kelso of Emporia, Kansas, Donald (Wilma) Flander of What Cheer, Lorna Flander of Beacon, Jim Flander of Pleasantville, Luella Kruse-mark (Larry) Albers of Van Horne, Richard (Sue) Flander of Tracy, and Gina (Bill) Smith of What Cheer; two stepsons; 17 grand-children; 26 great grand-children; 11 great great grandchildren; a brother, Cecil Flander of Montezuma; and many nieces and nephews.

Services for Ed Flander were March 26, in the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Rev. Joanne Schlegel officiating. Burial was in the Indianapolis Cemetery near What Cheer.

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