Colyn Lamont Garner, 82

Colyn Lamont Garner, 82, of Pella, died Thursday, May 8, 2008 at the Pella Regional Health Center in Pella.

A memorial service was held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the United Methodist Church in New Sharon with the Rev. Jim Beranek of the Pella United Methodist Church officiating.

Colyn Lamont Garner, son of Robie and Rachel (Hoskins) Garner was born Oct. 20, 1925 in Taintor, Iowa. He graduated from New Sharon High School in 1943. On March 10, 1946 Colyn was united in marriage to Phyllis Kussart in Taintor. Colyn farmed around the Taintor and New Sharon area until retiring in 1985. He was the local Pioneer Seed Corn sales representative for 25 years.

While his son, Greg, was in the Marines, Colyn had the opportunity to travel with him on The USS Ranger Aircraft Carrier from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to San Diego. He considered this one of his most memorable experiences. Colyn and Phyllis were avid square dancers. His three grandchildren gave him great joy. His other passions were fishing, camping at the Iowa State Fair, gardening, playing cards, traveling and chatting with his many friends.

Colyn belonged to the Pella Methodist Church, served on the Taintor Co-op Board and was treasurer for the Taintor Methodist Church.

His memory is honored by a wife of 62 years, Phyllis of Pella; his son, Greg, and his wife, Sumiko, of Knoxville; his son, Jay and wife Jan of Pella; daughter, Priscilla Warner of Rochester, New York; a brother, Wavern, and his wife Judy of Savannah, Ga.; a sister, Delores, and husband, George Garrett of Greenville, S.C. Also, three grandchildren, Rachel Garner of Pella, Leila Garner of Cincinnati, Ohio and Quincy Garner of Pella.

Colyn was preceded in death by his parents, Robie and Rachel Hoskins Garner.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial contributions be made to the Pella United Methodist Church.