GERALD LEROY FERGUSON

Gerald Ferguson, 92, of New Sharon, passed away Saturday, October 4, 2014, at Serenity Hospice House in Oskaloosa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at the Lacey United Methodist Church with Pastors Roger White and David Arulathan officiating. Interment was in the Union Mills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Lacey United Methodist Church, New Sharon Fire and Rescue Unit, and the Serenity Hospice House in Oskaloosa. Online condolences may be made to www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Leroy Ferguson, son of Cope and Gladys (Shoemake) Ferguson was born February 6, 1922 in Union Mills. He was a graduate of Fairview school. On January 1, 1945, Gerald was united in marriage to Phyllis Darland in Oskaloosa. To this union four children were born, Connie, Tom, Steve and Randy (Joe).

Gerald farmed and raised purebred Angus cattle in the New Sharon area all his life. He enjoyed fishing and hunting coyote, deer and pheasant with family and friends and especially enjoyed retelling “his” versions of the various hunts again and again.

Gerald was a devoted husband, dedicated father and grandfather, who thoroughly enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren participate in area livestock shows, athletic and music events.

Gerald bred and sold Angus bulls to many area cattle families and enjoyed tracking the success they experienced from using his bulls. He was a member of the Lacey United Methodist Church, American Angus Association, Iowa Cattlemen’s Association, North Skunk Coyote Hunters, former member of the Lacey School Board, long-time 4-H leader of the Adams Champs club, and a neighborhood card club. He enjoyed attending North Mahaska sporting events, the Southern Iowa Fair, Iowa State Fair, Iowa Beef Expo, and surrounding county fairs.

His memory will be cherished by his wife of 70 years, Phyllis Ferguson of New Sharon; four children, Connie (Ed) Hanssen of Davenport, Tom (Marilyn) Ferguson of New Sharon, Steve Ferguson of Des Moines, Randy Joe (Kris) of New Sharon; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Bob (Sharon) Ferguson of New Sharon, Bill (Colleen) Ferguson of New Sharon, Jim (Nancy) Ferguson of Kansas City, Mo., John (Shirley) Ferguson of New Sharon; one sister-in-law, Fran Ferguson of New Sharon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gerald was preceded in death by his father and mother, Cope and Gladys Ferguson; one brother, Earl Ferguson; one sister-in-law, Jean Grubb; and a great-grandson, T.J. Goemaat.

Gerald’s family gratefully and thankfully acknowledges the outstanding care that Gerald received from the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, the Mahaska Hospital Partnership and the Serenity House, the New Sharon Fire and Rescue Unit, Pastors Roger White and David Arulathan, and the Lacey United Methodist Church for providing a lunch following the memorial service.