Richard Sietmann

The loving spirit of Richard Sietmann, age 81, of Marshalltown and formerly a longtime Laurel area resident, left this earthly life early on the morning of Tuesday, December 30, 2014, while at the Iowa River Hospice Home.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 3, at the Laurel United Methodist Church with the Rev. Scott Lofthe officiating. He was laid to rest in the Graceland Cemetery at Laurel. Visitation was held from 5-7:00 p.m. on Friday at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home. Memorials may be made in his memory to the Laurel United Methodist Church or Iowa River Hospice. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. Ph. 641-844-1234.

Born at home on June 26, 1933, in Laurel, he was the son of Carl and Ethel (Hill) Sietmann. Richard graduated from the Laurel High School in 1951 and soon after, on June 28, was united in marriage to the love of his life, Donna Waterman, at the Laurel EUB Church. The rural Laurel area was home to the young couple who welcomed three children into their lives – Danny, Sheryl and Kathy. Richard was a hard-working man who farmed as well as raised cattle and ran the family business. He later owned and operated the elevator in Ferguson. He supported the Laurel community and was a member of the Laurel United Methodist Church, the Cattleman’s Association, Laurel Co-Op; and was a charter member of the Laurel Lion’s Club. He and Donna were also avid golfers and members of Lincoln Valley, and one year he successfully scored three holes-in-one! He treasured his family, the many trips he shared with Donna, farming, golfing, the Iowa State Cyclones and winters in Florida.

Left to cherish his memory are Donna, his loving wife of 63 years; three children: Danny (Patty) Sietmann of Birch Run, Michigan, Sheryl (Tim) Larson of Omaha, Nebraska, and Kathy Rosedale (Bea Klaenenberg) of Marshalltown as well as many treasured grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sisters: Betty Benskin of Marshalltown who joined Richard in heaven a mere 14 hours after he passed, Beverly (Arthur) DeWitt of Marshalltown and Joyce (David) Paul of Gilman as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

In death, he rejoined his parents and half-sister Fern Atkinson.