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Horace was born Feb. 1, 1929, in Decorah to Dr. Lester and Palma Erickson Hegg. Gretchen was born June 26, 1929, in Leland to Gilbert and Clara Charlson Thompson. They were married June 4, 1955, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Leland.

Horace graduated from Rock Valley High School in 1946. In 1950, he graduated from Grinnell College and from 1951-1953, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps. He then taught science at the Hudson High School. He also worked in the Waterloo School District and later with AEA.

Gretchen graduated from Forest City High School in 1945. She graduated from Waldorf College in 1947 and taught elementary school in Garner, Marshalltown and Humboldt. She then was a homemaker and later was a teacher associate in the Hudson Schools.

They were both active members of the St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Hudson — Gretchen in the Women’s Group (WELCA) and Horace in the design and construction of the distinctive cross in the sanctuary of the church. They were both members of the Retired Teachers Association of Black Hawk County (Horace was past president). Horace was a former chairman of the city of Hudson Library building committee, past president of the Waterloo Senior Men’s Golf League and a member of the board of directors of the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home, which later became NewALdaya Lifescapes.

Survived by: two sons, Phillip (Kimberly) of Brooklyn and Christian of Orland Park, Ill.; two daughters, Sara (Jim) Hegg-Dunne of Grinnell and Erika (Jack) Arendt of Coralville; 10 grandchildren, Zachary, Vincent, Sierra, Nicole, Katerin, Eli, Philip, Prescott, Caroline and Catherine; five great-grandchildren, Sophie, Kaden, Brody, Hudson and Hayden; Horace’s brother, Peer (Pat) Hegg of Hacienda Heights, Calif.; Gretchen’s two brothers, Herbert Thompson of Moline, Ill., and David (Sue) Thompson of Irvine, Calif.; and her sister, Marcia Turcotte of Minneapolis.

Preceded in death by their parents. Gretchen also by four sisters, Alice Ten, Winnifred Thompson, Catherine Jorgensen and Margaret Schwidler and a brother, Gerald Thompson.

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