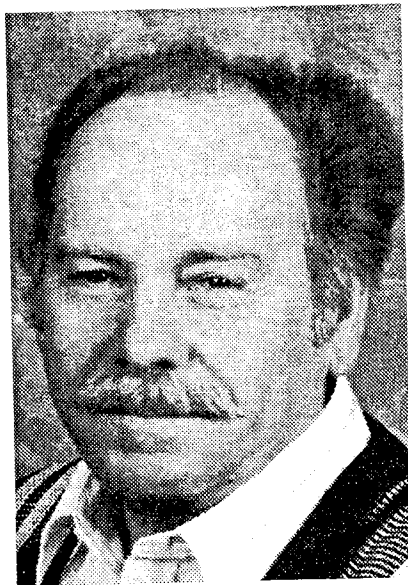


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DECEMBER 13, 2005

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Funeral services for James Evans will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pallbearers will include Matt Baderstadt, Evan Gwin, Christopher Hamilton, Mike Marsh, Richard Marsh and Don Patten. Burial with military honors will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Montezuma.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today (Monday) at the Smith Funeral Home; the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Born on Feb. 19, 1937, in Iowa City, he was the son of Leo Frank and Mabel Nekolena Larsen Evans. He was raised

in Searsboro and was a 1955 grad of Searsboro High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962.

For many years, he farmed with his father and brothers in the Searsboro area. He retired from farming in 1984.

On Feb. 24, 1989, he married Betty Marie Evans in Montezuma. The couple made their home there prior to moving to Grinnell in 2004.

He was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge, the American Legion and the Odd Fellows.

He is survived by his children, Erin Spencer of Gilman, Richard Marsh of Grinnell, Mike Marsh of Muscatine, Lorraine Patten and Linda Gerard, both of Grinnell, and Don Patten of Tiffin; a brother-in-law, Kenneth Baderstadt of Newton; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Patty Marsh; two brothers, George and Delmar Evans; a sister, Leona Baderstadt; and two grandchildren.

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