Morton C. James, 99

Morton C. James, 99, of Carol Stream, Ill., died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Windsor Park Manor.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Jan. 15, at the chapel at Windsor Park Manor, 123 Windsor Park Drive, Carol Stream, Ill. Interment will be held in Montezuma at a later date. Hultgren Funeral Home at Wheaton, Ill., was in charge of the arrangements.

Morton was born on Oct. 14, 1906 at Cedar Lake, Minn. He was raised and lived most of his life in Iowa. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1935 with a major in Agronomy. He worked for 32 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Soil Conservation Service. Over 20 years of his career was spent in Poweshiek County.

He loved woodworking, reading, history and journalistic writing. Local newspapers often published his letters to the editor about moral and ethical issues. His faith was important to him, receiving Christ as his Savior as a young boy, and he remained active in the local church his whole life. A gifted and thoughtful Bible teacher, he enjoyed meeting and encouraging people.

He is survived by his four daughters, Marcelyn (Everett) Peterson of Wheaton, Ill., Gwendolyn (Robert) Wright of Naperville, Ill., Carolyn (James) Orme of Wheaton, Ill., and Roselyn (Dr. Darrel) Shaver of Columbia, S.C.; nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren ranging from one to nine years old; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Hazel; his brother, Ralph, and his sister, Mary.

Memorials may be directed to Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo. Family and friends may sign a guest book at hultgrenfh.com. For more information, call Hultgren Funeral Home at 630-668-0027.