Vicente Marquez, 69, Pella

Vicente N. Marquez, 69, of Pella passed away Aug. 16, 2005. Memorial services were held Aug. 18, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pella. Inurnment will be made at a later date at Manila, Philippines. Memorials may be made to the Vicente Marquez Memorial Fund.

Vicente Napay Marquez was born on May 15, 1936, at Camalig, in the Bicol region of the Philippines. He was the fourth of eight children that were born to Celerino Marquez and Carmen Napay Marquez. Vicente attended the St. John's Catholic Academy and later attended the Legaspi College studying Pre-Law.

On Nov. 1, 1957, he was united in marriage to Nieves Cambonga Marquez in Camalig Albay, Philippines. To this union, seven children were born: Sandy, Rock, Sandra, Vida, Sarah, Marivic and Eve. Vicente was a farmer and was a politician in the Philippines. He was the president of all Barangay and captain of Camalig Albay. Vicente was well respected in his native country and held in high regard. After his family had come to the United States, Vicente joined them and unfortunately passed away on Aug. 16, 2005, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 47 years, Nieves; their seven children and their spouses, 14 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Of his original family, he leaves his brother, Celerino Jr., and sisters, Wilhelmina Marquez, Amelia Marquez, Edna Marquez, Carmen Ramos and Guy Marquez. Vicente was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Ronnie, and brother, Celerino Marquez, Jr. Vicente was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pella, Iowa at the time of his death.