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Ward Patterson



Ward Patterson, 83, of Gilman died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at his home.

A funeral service was held Thursday morning at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Ron Rice, pastor of the Gilman United Methodist Church, officiating. Piano music was by Jeri Baumeier. Casket bearers were Justin Curtis, Cory Dostal, Steve Kriegel, Dale, Mark and Tom Patterson, Tyler Shipley and Jim Smith. Honorary bearers were Bob Stewart, Max Thompson and Jim Webb. Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman. Memorials may be made to the Gilman United Methodist Church or to the Gilman First Responders. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfh.com.

He was born May 11, 1922, in Marshalltown, the son of Glenn and Elizabeth Ward Patterson. He was raised in Gilman and graduated from Gilman High School with the class of 1939. He attended Iowa State University in Ames. He was married on Aug. 28, 1944, in Marshalltown to Marilyn Foley. The couple operated the family farm, a Century Farm near Gilman, until their retirement in 2000 after which they moved into Gilman. He was a member of the Gilman Lions Club and the United Methodist Church of Gilman.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Patterson of Gilman; two sons, Paul Patterson of Gilman and Michael Patterson of Marshalltown; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren, and two brothers, Frank (Boots) Patterson of Gilman and Jerry Patterson of Pico Rivera, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Gene Patterson.