

Charles Pirkl, 84

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A funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor with Rev. Brian Shepley officiating. Casket bearers were his grandsons, Brian Behrens, Kevin DeMeulenaere, Kraig DeMeulenaere, Eric Henry, A.J. Pirkl, Adam Pirkl, Chad Pirkl, Dale Pirkl, David Pirkl, Dennis Pirkl, and Jared Pirkl. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the HLV Dollars for Scholars fund.

Charles was born the son of Charles and Jennie Lohman Pirkl on March 24, 1921 near Ladora. He was raised on the family farm and educated at Lincoln #5 Township country school.

Following his education, he farmed with his father south of Ladora. He was united in marriage to Charlotte O'Rourke on January 23, 1942 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Williamsburg. To this union were born eight children, Charlene, Bill, Bob, Jim, Tom, Don, Paul and Shirley. The couple resided south of Victor and farmed there for 35 years. Charles was also employed at Amana Refrigeration and worked there for 27 years. He was also dedicated to driving a school bus at HLV schools for 18 years. The couple moved to Victor in 2001.

The couple enjoyed going to dances and playing cards, in which Charles was well known for being an excellent solitaire player. He enjoyed fishing at various farm ponds and cutting firewood; hence the nickname he was given, "Charlie the Chucker." He was a hard worker and took much pride in his work ethic. He also enjoyed watching St. Louis Cardinal baseball and Iowa Hawkeye games on TV.

Charles is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Victor; his children, Charlene (Wayne) DeMeulenaere of Hartwick, Bill (Phyllis) Pirkl of North English, Bob Pirkl of Victor, Jim (Mary) Pirkl of Belle Plaine, Tom (Linda) Pirkl of Grinnell, Don (Diane) Pirkl of Victor, Paul (Patty) Pirkl of Victor, and Shirley Behrens of Marengo; 25 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; and his sister Doris Donohue of Cedar Rapids.

Charles was preceded in death by his father in 1968; his mother in 1993; his brother, Carroll Pirkl in 1959; and his sister, Marie Pope in 1968.



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Cemetery in Victor.

The family will greet friends at St. Bridget Catholic Church from 6 to 8 p.m. today (Monday). A vigil service and rosary will be held at 7 p.m. at the church.

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Friends may submit online condolences via the Smith Funeral Home website, www.smithfh.com.

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