

DeVern A. Engberg

- DeVern Andrew Engberg, 98, of Beatrice, Neb., died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A funeral service was held Monday, Nov. 13, at Harman-Wright Mortuary chapel in Beatrice with Pastor Dennis Meyer officiating. Masonic rites were presented by Beatrice Lodge No. 25 A.F.&A.M. Burial was Evergreen Home Cemetery in Beatrice. Memorials may be made through the mortuary.

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He was born March 2, 1908, in Genoa, Neb., the son of Anders and Lillian Engberg. His father died three months after his birth. His mother and two sons continued to reside in Genoa, moving later to Grand Island, Neb., where his mother was married to Leonard Arthur Cole. The family moved to Thedford, Neb., where he graduated from high school. He attended Chadron State College and became a teacher at a rural school near Thedford. He was married in 1933 in Beatrice to Beulah Marie Montgomery. In 1941 he became employed with Store Kraft Manufacturing Co. In 1951 he began employment with Northern Natural Gas Co. until his retirement in 1973. He was active as a second tenor in the Kiwanis Chorus and as a member of the Masonic Lodge, holding every office and every degree offered by the lodge. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

His wife died in 1984 after nearly 51 years of marriage. He was married in 1985 to Ann Lovell of Beatrice, who died in 2005. He had been a resident of Mayflower Health Center since 2003.

He is survived by two sons, Richard of Sterling, Va., and Robert of Grinnell; one daughter Junia of Wurzburg, Germany; 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.