Erle Lewis Morgan, 72, of Centerville died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at his home.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Robertson-Jay Funeral Home in Ottumwa with the Rev. Sue Babovec officiating. Burial was in Memorial Lawn Cemetery-Devotion Garden. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Ottumwa.

He was born Jan. 4, 1934, in Rose Hill to Forrest and Hazel Kirk Morgan. He was a graduate of Rose Hill High School and an avid baseball player who was offered a position with the New York Giants.

He was married on Feb. 8, 1953, to Mary Kathryn Simmers in Ottumwa. He joined Iowa Southern Utilities in 1953 as a meter reader in Ottumwa, filling a number of different positions with the company including operating supervisor in Newton and Grinnell prior to becoming district superintendent in Centerville in 1983. He retired from Alliant Energy on Feb. 1, 1997. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf and gardening, and was a member of the Centerville Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Ottumwa Elks Lodge, Ottumwa Izaak Walton League and was past president of the Lions Club in Centerville.

He is survived by one daughter Shelly Morgan of Ottumwa; three sons, Shawn Morgan and Shane Morgan of Centerville and Sharm Morgan of Pella; 11 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; a special friend Shirley Wright of Centerville and one brother Keith Morgan of Rose Hill. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and one brother, Dean Kirk.