

Ward E. Williams

Ward E. Williams, 86, of Lincoln, Iowa, died Monday, June 26, 2006, at his home.

A funeral service will be held Friday, June 30, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Wade Ditty, pastor of Salem Church of Lincoln, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen McCune. Pallbearers will be Nathan Bagur, Matt Borton, Randy Edwards, Lonnie Riha, Evan Stoakes and Bob Zednichek. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville. Memorials may be made to the Ward E. Williams Memorial Fund.

He was born June 10, 1920, in Jasper County near Lynnville, the son of Earl Stanford and Jenny Young Williams. He was raised in the Lynnville area and was a graduate of Lynnville High School. He then farmed near Lynnville, and was married to Katherine VanderPol; they later were divorced. He was married to Carol Tough and the couple continued farming for several years before moving to Garwin. She died in 1974. He then moved to Chelsea where he was employed with Tama Packing Company for five years. He was married to his long-time companion of 20 years, Miriam Reiser, on Feb. 29, 2004, and they lived in Marshalltown and Gladbrook prior to moving to Lincoln. During this time he was employed with DeKalb for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife Miriam; nine children, Ronald of Lynnville, Dennis of Newton, Gary of Waverly, Scott of Osceola, Sean of Marshalltown, Stephen of Wichita, Kan., Sherri Stoakes of Gladbrook and Shireen and LaReen Williams, both of Lincoln; two stepsons, Thomas and Nathan Bagur of Grinnell and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Carol, one son Stacy and one sister Leola Williams.