James Edward "Jim" Dearinger, 74—

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at the Lynville Friends Church for Jim Dearinger, who passed away on Dec. 20, 2006, in Apex, NC.

Jim was the eldest son of Ozro and Jennie Dearinger and was born on June 26, 1932. He was raised in Lynville and attended school there.

Jim played basketball for Lynville High School and was on several winning teams. Jim's family has a long history with Lynville and was related to both the Macy's and the Alle's. His grandmother, Lexi Alle, taught at Hazeldene School in the early 1900's. His mother, Jennie, sang for many years with the choir at Lynville Friends Church.

Jim served in the Airforce for several years until a medical discharge and upon his return to Iowa, worked for Hawkeye Ins. Co. His interest in dogs and dog training led to his moving to New York City in 1972, as Director of Obedience for American Kennel Club. In 1997, after 24-year service, Jim retired and moved to Apex, NC, with his wife Janet Ford.

Jim remained close to Lynville throughout the years, returning frequently to attend the alumni banquet in June and the State Fair in August. In 1975, Jim was the MC for the Lynville Centennial Pageant.

Jim is survived by his wife, Janet Ford Dearinger; son Scott Dearinger of Des Moines; grandchildren Katy-Lynn and Luke and brother David Dearinger of Indianola.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Richard.

Friends wishing to share their memories of Jim are invited to do so at the Memorial Service. Coffee and cakes will be available following the service.