Harold L. Jantzen


A funeral service was held Thursday, July 19, at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with Carol Myers, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Sheridan Cemetery, rural Grinnell. A memorial fund has been established.

He was born Oct. 19, 1925, in Poweshiek County, the son of Leonard and Alma Sieck Jantzen. He was reared in Poweshiek County and attended rural school, completing eighth grade, after which he assisted at the family farm. On Sept. 14, 1945, he was married to Betty Emmert in Grinnell. They farmed in Poweshiek County except for six years in Tama County, until his retirement in 1991. He then helped several farmers. Due to poor health, they moved into Tama in 2004.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, serving as president in 1967, and a social member of the Malcom American Legion. He enjoyed working puzzle books, going to dances and belonged to the Cedar Valley Polka Club for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife Betty of Tama; one son Jerry Jantzen of Malcom; one granddaughter; one great granddaughter and one brother Donald Jantzen of Traer. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son Allen in 1983, one sister Betty Jantzen and one brother Lyle Jantzen.