Harland L. Muller, 94

Harland L. Muller, 94, of Williamsburg and formerly of Victor, died on Sunday, at the Highland Ridge Care Center in Williamsburg.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, at the Victor Baptist Church with the Rev. Dan Andrews, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Carol Alba. Casket Bearers will be Justin Bott, Todd Roberts, Doug and Jim Fetzer, Trent and Greg Muller. Interment will be at the Victor Memorial Cemetery with the Smith Funeral Home of Victor handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Victor Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent via the Smith Funeral Home website: www.smithfh.com.

Harland was born on June 18, 1914, on the family farm near Victor, to Herman and Emma Speck Muller. He was raised in the Victor area and graduated from Victor High School with the Class of 1932. He attended Upper Iowa College at Fayette and graduated in 1937.

On Aug. 18, 1938, he was married to Marion Dutton in Strawberry Point. The couple lived in Elkader and he taught high school history and manual training. He also coached boys basketball, football and baseball. In 1946, the family moved to Victor and he joined his father in the operation of the Muller Livestock Company. He also was a partner in the M & N Grain Company in Victor. Following his retirement, the family continued to live in Victor and winter in Florida. He has lived at Highland Ridge in Williamsburg for the past few years.

Harland was a member of the Victor Baptist Church and was formerly a church trustee. He was also a member of the Iowa County School Board and a past member of the Grant Wood Area Education Board. He loved sports and coached the St. John's Catholic High School boys basketball team for several years and he also enjoyed fishing and playing golf.

He is survived by his daughter, Harleen (Michael) Bott of Williamsburg; one daughter-in-law, Sheryl Muller of Beaumont, Texas; four grandchildren, Janelle (Todd) Roberts of Marengo, Justin Bott of DeForest, Wis., Trent and Greg Muller, both of Beaumont, Texas; two great-grandsons, Samuel and Benjamin Roberts; and one sister, Maxine Fetzer of Victor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion; one son, Kirk Muller; and one sister, Dorothy Nickeson.
Ben L. Ziegenmeyer, 25

Ben L. Ziegenmeyer, 25, of Boone, and formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at his residence in Boone.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. Brian Chitwood officiating. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Christian Church to benefit the children's preschool program.

Online condolences may be submitted to the Ziegenmeyer family on the Smith Funeral Home Web site at www.smithfh.com.

Ben was born the son of Steven and Nancy Dillon Ziegenmeyer on July 4, 1983, in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 2001.

Ben recently moved to Boone, where he worked at Osmondson Manufacturing in Perry. He soon would have been enrolled at Iowa State University to pursue his dream of becoming an industrial engineer.

Ben was a person that could bring a smile to a stranger's face and was well liked by everyone. He was considered the world's greatest uncle by his nieces, and this was evident by the love he had for them. His enjoyments included reading, listening to music, and being with his family and friends. His spirit will remain through the lives of others he touched.

Ben is survived by his fiancée, Rachel Haubrich of Boone; his parents, Nancy and James Ludwig of Woodward, and Steven Ziegenmeyer of Grinnell; his brother, Nicholas (Katie) Ziegenmeyer of Grinnell; his sister, Kristin Ziegenmeyer of Grinnell; his paternal grandparents, Charles and Wilma Ziegenmeyer of Grinnell; his maternal grandparents, Donald Dillon of Cedar Rapids, and Betty Dillon of Grinnell; his step-grandmother, Arlene Ludwig of La Porte City; and his nieces, Mariah and Austin of Grinnell.

Ben was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal great-grandparents; his step grandfather, Norman Ludwig; and his step-grandmother, Mary Kathleen Dillon.