

Ellis Claussen

Ellis John Emery "Stubb" Claussen, 75 of rural Killduff died of heart failure Saturday, Nov. 25, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Pence Funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. Duane Skidmore, pastor of the Killduff United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Our Silent City Cemetery, Kellogg.

Visitation with the family will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was the son of Walter and Maude Atkins Claussen and was born Nov. 3, 1925, in Newton. He attended school in Kellogg.

He was married to Edith Pauline Pierce April 14, 1953, in Lenox.

Mr. Claussen operated Claussen's Plumbing & Heating and also was a grave digger for area cemeteries. He retired in 1998.

He was a member of the Killduff United Methodist Church; the Kellogg Lions Club, which he served as president and was named Lion of the Year in 1997; the Kellogg American Legion; and the Richland Grange. He was named Citizen of the Year in 1998.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Walt and John, both of Pleasantville; two stepsons, Ralph Winchell of Kellogg and Dick Winchell of Grinnell; two stepdaughters, Dorothy Weyers and Marge Thomas, both of Killduff; 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one brother, Bert of Newton; and one sister, Fannie Claussen of Tucson, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two grandsons; and seven brothers and sisters, Bill, Robert, Una Sparks, Nona Simpson, Clifford, Jack and Francis.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

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