Cecil C. Cranston, 92

Cecil C. Cranston, 92, of Deep River, died July 25 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Monday, July 29, at the United Church, Deep River, with Pastor Boyd Sparks officiating. Interment was at Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River.

Casket bearers were Mike Cranston, Mark Cranston, Pat Cranston, Troy Cranston, Jason Cranston, David Cranston, and Jonathan Cranston.

Cecil was born June 27, 1910, to James C. and Lydia A. (Doonan) Cranston. He was born at home four miles southeast of Deep River and lived within 1/8th mile of there all his life, farming the Rueben Borton Cranston farm. October 8, 1933, he was united in marriage to Lula E. Mohr of Victor, and to this union, three sons were born.

Cecil was active in National Farmer's Organization, and served for several years on the boards of CIPCO, REA, and Belle Plaine and Oskaloosa Sale Barns. He was president of Deep River Housing, Inc. for over 30 years. He was a lifetime member of Deep River United Presbyterian Church and was instrumental in the formation of the United Church of Deep River.

Survivors include his wife, Lula; brother, Deane, of Coralville; his three sons, Jerry (& Karen) of Deep River; Jim (& Marlene) of Montezuma; and Greg (& Rachel) of Columbia, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother, James; a sister, Bonnibel; a brother, Burdett; a grandson and granddaughter.

Memorials in his name may be directed to the United Church of Deep River or the Deep River Community Center.