

## Leon C. Kesl

Leon C. Kesl, 75, of Tama died Sunday, Feb. 23, at Sunny Hill Care Center there.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in the chapel of Mason-Hand Funeral Home in Tama, with the Rev. Alfred Kaupins, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was in National Cemetery, rural Vining. A memorial fund is being established.

The son of Charles and Agnes Zhorne Kesl, he was born June 10, 1916, near Elberon. He received his education in rural schools and attended Tama High School.

He was married to Edna Backen of Tama June 15, 1938. The couple farmed south of Tama, and Mr. Kesl was employed by Krezek Implement, later known as Custer Implement, for about 40 years. He then began a welding and repair business, Kesl Repair, working on machinery, windmills and pumps.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Edna; six children, Karla Kay Alston Sr. of Jesup, Sandra Jo Raum of Gladbrook, Gary and James Sr., both of Tama, Donna Stone of Marshalltown and Robert Sr. of Elberon; 26 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one sister, Hilda Linhart of Tama; and two half-sisters, Emily Custer of Laughlin, Nev., and Beatrice Bru of Phoenix.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepfather, Joe Krezek.

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