

Merlin Rieck



Merlin D. Rieck, 69, of Victor, died Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids of cancer.

Services were held Feb. 9 at St. James Lutheran Church in Victor with Rev. Bruce Schuchard, pastor, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Pam Cronbaugh. Casket bearers were Charles Marquardt, James Thys, Charles Van Otegham, James Van Otegham, Tony Van Otegham and Michael Wapp. Graveside rites will be conducted by members of the Harold E. Smith American Legion Post #54 of Victor. Burial will be in the Victor Cemetery with the Smith Funeral Home of Victor in charge of arrangements.

He was born on June 21, 1926, near Luzerne to Chris and Lillie Voss Rieck. He was reared on the family farm and attended the Luzerne Parochial School and in 1944 he was graduated from Belle Plaine High School. He farmed from 1950 to 1952 and served with the United States Army in Korea. Following the war, he returned to the family farm at Luzerne.

On Sept. 15, 1956, he was married to Ruth Kenyon at Cedar Rapids. The couple farmed at Luzerne until 1974, when they moved to a farm north of Victor. He worked in the shipping department at the Amana Refrigeration Company from 1968 to 1991.

He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church of Victor and the Harold E. Smith American Legion Post #54 of Victor.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Rieck of Victor; two sons, Larry Rieck of Tea, S.D. and Douglas Rieck of Victor; one daughter, Nancy Rieck of West Des Moines; two granddaughters, Stephanie and McKensie Rieck, both of Tea, S.D.; one brother, Harlan Rieck of Cedar Rapids; and two sisters, Delores Schwertfeger of Deep River and Ramona Koehn of Belle Plaine.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Corrine Rieck, who died in infancy.

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