John Newcomer, 65, of Newburg died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at St. Francis Manor.
A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m. at Newburg-Chester Congregational Church with the Rev. Jeff Maskevich, pastor, officiating. Music will be by Alice Renaud, organist, and Delmar and Norma Jean Sharp, vocalists. Casket bearers will be John and Kevin Breeden, George Hafkey, Gordon Louden, Don Stoker and Todd Tesar. Interment will be at the Chester Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon on Friday with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Newburg-Chester Congregational Church.

He was born Aug. 13, 1939, in Grinnell, the son of Frank and Lucille Thompson Newcomer. He was a 1957 graduate of Newburg High School and a lifelong resident of the Newburg community where he operated a grain and livestock farm. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, Newburg Farmers Coop and Newburg-Chester Congregational Church.

He is survived by his brother Dr. Charles Newcomer of Des Moines, one niece and one nephew and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.