

Raymond Verwers

Raymond Verwers, 83, of Newton, a native of rural Kellogg, died of complications of emphysema Wednesday, June 25, at Nelson Manor Nursing Home in Newton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Wallace-Pence Funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. Warren McFate of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, rural Newton.

He was born Jan. 10, 1914, near Kellogg, the son of Jacob and Dena Rozenberg Verwers. He attended rural school.

He was married to Helen M. Cook Oct. 30, 1933, in Newton.

Mr. Verwers farmed and worked for United Telephone Co., retiring in 1977. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, Richard of Gladbrook, Jim of Newton and Dale of Grinnell; one daughter, Rosemary Wilson of Corona, Calif.; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Henry of Pella and Melvin of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, William, Marion and Ben; and three sisters, Margaret Ridgeway, Dorothy Van Gent and Cora Poortinga.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Jasper County or the First United Methodist Church.