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A funeral service was held Saturday morning, Oct. 12, at Kloster Funeral Home in Marengo with the Rev. Richard Schafbuch officiating. Bearers were Jack Chedester, Dale Douglas, Dale Barr, Duane Neff, Jim McIlrath and George Hiner. Honorary bearers were John Robey, Clair Simmons, Butch Griffith and Pepper Saunders. Burial was Saturday afternoon in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. A

memorial fund has been established.

He was born Dec. 26, 1935, in Kellogg, the son of Raymond and Edith Chedester Foster. He attended rural schools in Poweshiek and Jasper Counties. He was married in August, 1954, to Carol Johnson. The couple later divorced. He was married to Charleen Smith Mumby Nov. 9, 1996, in the First United Methodist Church in Marengo. He was employed in farming and agricultural businesses, most recently at Gateway Coop Elevator in Malcom. He retired in 1997.

He was a member of the Ladora Saddle Club, the Mid-Iowa Driving Association and Iowa River Campers. He had spent much of his life working with horses, beginning at a very young age to ride, break and drive horses. He and his family spent many hours together attending horse events and activities.

He is survived by his wife Charleen; five sons Rick of Gladbrook, Randy of Edgewood, N.M., Rod and Leroy of Malcom, and Scott of Iowa City; one daughter Shelley Kelley of Fort Calhoun, Neb.; four stepdaughters Betty Harp of Ladora, Debbie Bunn of Sedalia, Mo., Mary Briggs of Council Bluffs and Patti Selk of Grinnell; five grandchildren; 11 step grandchildren, and two sisters Laurene Barr of Kellogg and Wanda Neff of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Gerald was a member of the Ladora Saddle Club, the Mid-Iowa Driving Association, and the Iowa River Campers. He enjoyed camping, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He



especially enjoyed his grandchildren and step-grandchildren. Much of Gerald's life was spent working with horses. He began riding, breaking and driving horses

at a very young age and his love of horses lasted throughout his life. He and his family spent many hours together attending horse events and activities.

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