Cecil W. Mitchell, 78

Cecil W. Mitchell, 78, of Belle Plaine, a former resident of Brooklyn, died Saturday, November 29, 2003, at St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

Funeral services for Cecil Mitchell will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. The Rev. Michael Stombaugh, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Belle Plaine, will officiate.

Casket bearers will be Cory Mitchell, Patrick Powers, Scott Roberts, Andrew Coree, Chris Birch and David Yegge.

Honorary casket bearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Interment will follow in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established.

Cecil Wayne Mitchell was born December 8, 1924, in Brooklyn, Iowa. His parents were Howard Mitchell and Maude Brannian Mitchell. He was a graduate of the Brooklyn High School. He served with the U.S. Army from December 20, 1943, to April 11, 1946.

Cecil married Hila Charlene Prichard on October 11, 1957, in Belle Plaine. Cecil was employed by TIP REC of Brooklyn for 30 years as a boom truck operator. Before that, he worked as a truck driver for Junie Manatt. For the past two years, he was a resident of Belle Plaine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Cecil was a member of the Brooklyn American Legion Post. He enjoyed cards, watching sporting events, especially when his children and grandchildren were involved, and the Hawkeyes.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Raymond, Irwin, Robert, and Ernest; a sister, Luella Pfantz; and a granddaughter, Sonya Marie Hollar.

Surviving are his wife, Charlene; three sons, Trelys Mitchell and wife, Peggy, of Belle Plaine, Craig Mitchell and wife, Cindy, of Collins, Iowa, and Blaire Butch Mitchell and Betsy of Belle Plaine; two daughters, Larene Fisher and husband Mark of Newhall, Iowa, and Beverly Hollar of Brooklyn; a brother, Wallace Mitchell of Fairfield, California; 18 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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