

Obituaries

MELVIN N. STEFFEN

Melvin N. Steffen, 62, of RR2 Malcom, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 1986, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines of cancer.

The son of Carl and Augusta Karsten Steffen, he was born near Deep River, Iowa, on Oct. 20, 1923. He attended the rural schools and farmed near Barnes City. During World War II he served in the Navy on the USS Lexington in the Pacific.

Following his discharge he was married to Norma Fern Gabel on March 30, 1946. The couple farmed southwest of Malcom for 39 years and Melvin was recognized for his prominence in the promotion and breeding of South Devon cattle. Over the years he had shown cattle throughout the Midwest in stock shows, and currently at the Iowa State Fair.

He was a member of the Malcom Trinity Lutheran Church, the Iowa South Devon Association, the North American South Devon Association, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, and the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his children: Larry N. Steffen of Newton; David M. Steffen of RR2 Malcom; Mrs. Linda J. (Kenneth) Breiting of RR2 Malcom; his two grandchildren: Michael John and Bree Ann Steffen; two sisters and one brother: Mrs. Elsie Graham of Norwalk, Mrs. Erna Strong of Brooklyn, and Henry (Heine) Steffen of State Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma on June 12, 1984; a son Timothy W. Steffen in 1972; a daughter Marilyn Jean Steffen in 1957; his parents; four brothers and two sisters: Alfred, Arnold, Otto, and Harold Steffen; Mrs. Alma Luecht and a sister in infancy.

Funeral services were 2 p.m. Monday at the Malcom Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gerald F. Brown, pastor of the church officiating.

Music was provided by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner, organist, and Frank Shults, vocalist.

Pallbearers were Murray Brown, David Carter, John Luecht, Harry McNaull, Bob Niemann, and Virgil Thompson. Honorary bearers were Lester Baird, Tom Bowers, Dr. W.D. Buzard, John Dalton, Herchel Griffith, Ray Herbrandt, Lyle Johnson, and Leonard Souter.

In care of flowers were Virginia and Marvin Billman, Leta and Edward Hollman, and Louise and Bill Kuntz.

Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma, with Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of services. Should friends desire, memorials may be made in his name and left at the Smith Funeral Home.

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