

Leo W. Barfels



Leo W. Barfels, 81, of Cedar Falls, and formerly of Wyoming, Reinbeck and Grinnell, died at Windhaven Assisted Living of Western Home Communities on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

A public Masonic service was conducted Monday, March 12, at Locke Funeral Home in Waterloo by Gladbrook Olivet Lodge #436 A.F. & A.M. and Waterloo Martin Lodge #624 A.F. & A.M.

Memorials may be made to the family. Condolences may be left at www.LockeFuneralHome.com.

He was born Oct. 26, 1930, in Lincoln, Iowa, son of Walter and Catherine Staack Barfels. He graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1948.

He married Kathryn Schwartz on March 26, 1949, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Leo had worked at Farmers Co-Op in Lincoln; owned a Standard Oil service station in Grinnell; and was a mechanic for Union Pacific Railroad in Laramie, Wyo., retiring in 1992.

He is survived by son Danny Barfels of Cedar Falls; daughters Sandra Weaver of Orlando, Fla., and Susan Soderberg of Laramie, Wyo.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his sister Nadine McCrary. *GH-R 3-15-2012*