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Lutheran Church south of Victor with the Rev. David MacKain officiating. Interment followed at the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery with military rites.

Casket bearers were Kim Jahlas, John McCulley, Kenneth McCulley, Chris Struck, Dean Trimpe and Kenneth Trimpe.

Smith Funeral Home in Victor was in charge of arrangements.

Bill was born on June 14, 1922, the son of William Johann Jahlas and Maria Burke, in Guernsey, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm near Deep River and Guernsey, where he was educated at a rural country school and St. John's Lutheran School in rural Victor.

Following his education, he assisted his father on the family farm. Bill was a Corporal in the United States Army during World War II, entering in December of 1942. He served as a mechanic in the First Convalescent Hospital in the areas of New Guinea and the Philippines. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in January 1946.

Bill was united in marriage to Ruth Mae Hessenius on March 1, 1943, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Newhall, Iowa. To this union were born four children, Dwayne,

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Bill is survived by his wife Ruth of over 62 years, rural Deep River; his sons, Dwayne, rural Deep River, Edwin (Connie), rural Deep River, John (Karen), Cedar Rapids; his daughter, Patricia (Walter) Van Waus, Worthington, Minn.; his nephew, Dr. Rodney Wachter, Adams, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren, with a great grandson William arriving in July; his brothers, Harold Jahlas, Lavinia, Mich., and LaVerne (Erlene) Jahlas of Victor; his sisters, Mildred (Paul) Trimpe, Williamsburg, and Marie Trimpe, Williamsburg, Esther (Clarence) Young, Homestead, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: a brother, Raymond Jahlas; and a nephew, Keith Trimpe.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be directed to the St. John's Lutheran Church or to Hospice of Iowa County.

Editor's Note: The above obit is being reprinted to correct an error.

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