James D. Baldwin, 81

James D. Baldwin, 81, of Williamsburg and formerly of Millersburg, died on Friday, January 20, 2006, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor with Rev. Alan Hafner, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Victor, officiating. Organist will be Pam Cronbaugh. Casket Bearers will be family and close friends. Interment will be at the Millersburg Cemetery.



Memorials may be directed to the Hospice of Iowa City and sent in care of Connie Jahlas, 411 Third Street, Victor, Iowa 52347.

James was born on November 22, 1924, near Unionville, Mo. to William and Martha Davids Baldwin. He was raised on a rural farm and attended country school. He moved to the western region of the United States and worked in various jobs.

On October 3, 1943, he was married to Evelyn Kendall in Cheyenne, Wyo. The couple lived in Colorado and later moved to Iowa and farmed on various farms in Poweshiek and Iowa Counties. From 1954 to 1981, they operated a grain and livestock farm near Millersburg and raised their children there. In 1981, they moved into Millersburg and he did custom trucking.

He enjoyed square dancing, playing cards, fishing and traveling.

Survivors include his children and their spouses, Connie and Brad Jahlas of Victor, and Robert and Kate Baldwin of Norwalk; his daughter-in-law, Dawn Baldwin of Swisher; three grandchildren, Lindsay and Lacy Jahlas of Victor, and Justine Baldwin of Norwalk; and five brothers, Charles Baldwin and Gerald Baldwin, both of Albuquerque, N.M., Pete Baldwin of Elephant Butte, N.M., Delno Baldwin of Davenport, and Keith Baldwin of Centerville.

James was preceded in death by his wife in 1986; his parents; one son, Dennis; and two sisters, Esther Phillips and Eva Rotz.