

James Henry Harris, 87

Funeral services for James Henry Harris, 87, of Belle Plaine were Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Deacon Joe Behounek officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Belle Plaine, with military rites conducted by Jennings-Bradshaw American Legion Post #39. Harris died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Belle Plaine Nursing and Rehab after a short illness.



Casket bearers were Matt Friedman, Greg Longfellow, Chad Van Tomme, James Hoover, Paul Smith, Ross Johnson and Brad Glosser. Honorary casket bearers were Andrew Longfellow, Adam Scott, Jason Truitt, Ryan Truitt, Luke Friedman and Josh Friedman.

Music was provided by David Berns, organist and Kathy Berns, cantor.

James Henry Harris was born April 12, 1918, at Belle Plaine, the son of Charles B. and Nellie Robertson Harris. He graduated from Belle Plaine High School. He married Helen Drahos in October, 1939. She preceded him in death in 1980. On May 2, 1981, he married Leona Friedman in Belle Plaine.

Harris served as a sergeant in the Army Air Force in the United States during World War II from 1943-46. He was the former owner-operator of Harris Flowers & Greenhouse. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the American Legion. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and his family.

James is survived by his wife, Leona; stepdaughters, Linda (Doug) Powell of Victor, Judy (Terry) Van Tomme of Brooklyn, Sandy (Jim) Scott of Fayetteville, GA, Margaret (Darrel) Johnson of Marengo, Mary (Bob) Longfellow of Belle Plaine; and stepsons, Robert Friedman of Austin, TX, David (Sheryl) Friedman of Blakesburg, Daniel (Monica) Friedman of Belle Plaine, Gary (Jo) Friedman of DeWitt, and David (Vicki) Friedman of Jefferson; 20 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Helen, and son, James.

Hrabak Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.