Thomas O'Connell

Thomas O'Connell, 81, died suddenly Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at the Regional Medical Center in Manches-

A funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 26, at Leonard-Muller Funeral Home and Crematory in Manchester with the Rev. David Weber officiating. Interment will follow in St. John's Cemetery in Delhi. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Dollars for Scholars. Online condolences may be sent to www.leonard-mullerfh.com.

He was born Oct. 31, 1925, in Garryowen, Iowa, the son of Timothy and Kathryn Shields O'Connell. He was raised in the Garryowen and Cascade area, attending rural school, and was engaged in farming. He was united in marriage with Gladys Martens on Dec. 2, 1950, at St. John's Catholic Church in Delhi. They farmed together in the Delhi and Hopkinton area until 1962 when they moved to a farm west of Manchester. He loved to farm and was still active in farming, and also enjoyed reading, working with numbers and talking politics.

He is survived by two daughters, Christine Tegeler of Manchester and Cindy Cloyed of Grinnell; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and one sister Mary Johnson of New Hampton. He was preceded in death by his wife Gladys in 1964; a daughter, Kathy in 1978; his parents and two brothers. Joseph O'Connell and Frank

O'Connell.