

## R. Wayne Paul

R. Wayne Paul of rural Laurel died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at his home under the care of his family and Iowa River Hospice.

A celebration of his life service will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at 10:30 a.m. at Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. After a brief graveside service at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, a time of fellowship and refreshments will follow in the hospitality room at Mitchell Family Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.mitchellfh.com](http://www.mitchellfh.com).

He was born Jan. 30, 1929, at his family's home east of Laurel, the son of Ralph and Marguerite Vande Kamp Paul. At the age of three, his family moved to a farm southwest of Gilman where he attended school, graduating in 1946. He then attended Iowa State University in Ames, graduating from its Farm Operations course in 1948. He was united in marriage with Betty Springer of Marshalltown on Oct. 2, 1949. They resided north of Marshalltown where they farmed with Betty's father for nine years before moving to their own farm southwest of Laurel in 1959. In 1964, he transferred from conventional farming methods to organic farming and started a family business, Paul's Grains, in which he enjoyed farming and the milling of his own grains into flour and cereal.

He was a faithful member of his church and will be remembered for his and his wife's hospitality. He enjoyed activities with his family, including travel on summer vacations, participation in Y Indian Guides and being a Boy Scout master.

He is survived by his four children, Russ Paul of rural Marshalltown, Steve Paul of Laurel, Kenny Paul of Fredericksburg, Va., and Julie Sharpless of Redlands, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; two brothers Jim Paul of Edwardsville, Ill., and Dave Paul of Gilman and his sister Margaret Jarzombek of Yorkville, Ill. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty in February, 2006, and one brother, Lee Paul.