

Earl E. Stepp

Earl E. Stepp, 89, of Kellogg died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 25, at Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Newton Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or the 4-H Foundation and left at Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton.

He was born Feb. 27, 1917, the son of Fount and Hattie Crockett Stepp and was a lifelong resident of Jasper County. He was a 1936 graduate of Newton High School. He was a farmer and a horse and cattle breeder. He was married Aug. 10, 1940, in Des Moines to June Kendall. He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, and a former member of the Kellogg Lions Club and Kellogg Saddle Club. He was a 4-H Club leader, serving for more than 25 years and receiving a national 4-H Award. He helped develop the Jasper County Fair in Colfax, serving on its building committee and as director of the Jasper County Fair Association. He served on the county extension council, as director of the Polled Hereford Association, past president of the Jasper County Angus Association, and director of the Iowa Saddle Horse Association. He also was a well-known cattle and horse judge and in 1987 was inducted into the Horsemen's Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife June of Kellogg; one son Philip Stepp of Kellogg and one daughter Marcia Lockard of Johnston; five grandchildren, four step grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters Leatha Hesson and Roxie Noethe and two brothers Proctor Stepp and Bates Stepp.