

James W. Ryan, 79

James W. Ryan, age 79, of Toledo, died Monday, July 2, 2007 at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center following a sudden illness.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church Worship Center in Toledo with Pastor Mary Schnepf officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo.

Jim was born on March 6, 1928 in rural Poweshiek County, the son of Milo A. and Helen Winslow Ryan. He graduated from Belle Plaine High School in 1945. On April 26, 1954, he was united in marriage to Lillian Klenk at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. Jim was a life-long farmer on the family farm, and greatly enjoyed his work. He also deeply loved spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Ruth Wilcox, and a son-in-law, Rick Nelson.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian; three children, Jean Nelson of Oelwein, Julie Ryan of West Des Moines, and Don (Michelle) Ryan of Chelsea; four grandchildren, Mindy Nelson, Michael Nelson, Kelly Ryan, and Kristy Ryan; and, a sister, Myrtis Upah of Middle Amana.

A memorial fund has been established. Kruse-Phillips Funeral Homes in Tama were in charge of arrangements.



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