Verlin McAllister

Virlin McAllister, 72, of Whitten died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

A funeral service was held Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, at the Whitten Community Church with Pastor Jim Hartman officiating. Vocal and instrumental music were by Craig Hupfeld and Carol Rash. Interment with military rites by the Conrad American Legion was held at Benson Cemetery in Whitten.

He was born Sept. 20, 1935, in Burlington, the son of Ray and Julia Schein McAllister. He attended schools in Burlington and Whitten before graduating from Eldora High School in 1953. He served in the United States Army for two years. He was united in marriage with Donnavee Keenan on June 28, 1959 in Grinnell. They resided in Whitten until moving to their rural home near Whitten.

He was employed at ACCO Seeds, the AMOCO plant in Whitten and Bob's Farm Center for over 30 years before retiring. He was an active member of Whitten Community Church, the Conrad American Legion, Conrad Lions Club, served on the Whitten Fire Department, was on the town council and mayor of Whitten.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years Donnavee; three children, Debby Cassens of Vancouver, Wash., Carla Cummins of Whitten and Monty McAllister of Eldora; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.