John W. Reynolds Sr., 84

John W. "Wes" Reynolds, age 84, of Morrison, Ill., Ill., died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at his home.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the First Presbyterian Church in Morrison, Ill. The Rev. Michael Selburg will officiate. Interment was at Grove Hill Cemetery, Morrison, Ill. Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, Morrison, Ill.

John was born on Jan. 4, 1924, in Garden Plain Township, Fenton, Ill, to Lee Wesley and Emily (Senior) Reynolds. He attended Rural Whiteside County Grade Schools, and was a 1942 graduate of Erie High School, Erie, Ill.

He was married to Edna I. Cross on June 8, 1947, in Garden Plain, Ill. John worked as a dairy farmer for many years in rural Whiteside County. He later was employed by the Northwestern Steel and Wire Company in Sterling, Ill., for 15 years until retiring in 1986. He enjoyed playing cards, camping and traveling with friends and family.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Morrison, Ill., where he served as an elder. He also served as a member of the nominating committee of the Blackhawk Presbytery at Stronghold.

John is survived by his wife, Edna; one daughter, Jacque (Rick) Schantz of Grand Rapids, Mich.; four sons, the Rev. John (Cynthia) Reynolds Jr. of Brooklyn; Charles (Linda) Reynolds of Chesapeake, Va., Ken (Karen) Reynolds of Sterling, Ill., and Dave (Raeann) Reynolds of Savanna, Ill.; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Shari Boles; one sister, Josephine Cowles; and three brothers, Clarence, William and Harold Reynolds.

