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Wendell L. Benskin

Wendell Lloyd Benskin, 90, of Laurel, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center in Marshalltown while under the care of Iowa River Hospice.

Private family services were held. Officiating was the Rev. Marvin Siems, pastor of Laurel United Methodist Church. Interment took place in Graceland Cemetery near Laurel; Memorials may be made to his family.

He was born June 26, 1918, in Jasper County, the son of Bert and Daisy Paul Benskin. He was a graduate of Newton Senior High School with the class of 1937. He was united in marriage with Betty Sietmann on May 6, 1942, in Bethany, Mo. He was a life-long Jasper County cattle feeder, a long-time member of the Farm Bureau and a member of the board of directors of the Federal Land Bank in the 1960s.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Benskin of Laurel; three sons, Steven Benskin of Newton; Bryan Benskin of Coon Rapids, Minn., and Terry Benskin of Laurel; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Bernice McElree and a great grandson.