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FOREST HILL BARKER

Forest Hill Barker, 78, of the English Valley Care Center, North English, formerly of Victor, died Friday, March 4, 1988, at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City.

The son of Charles M. and Daisy Pearl Hill Barker, he was born on January 31, 1910, at Blackburn, Okla. The family moved to Iowa in 1912 and farmed near Millersburg. He attended school at the Pleasant Grove Rural School East of Millersburg, and attended the Millersburg High School.

On September 29, 1936, he was married to Lena Weisskopf in Waterloo, Ia. The couple moved to Victor in 1938 where he operated the Cities Service Bulk Plant. In 1943 they became engaged in farming and moved 1½ miles southeast of Victor, and in 1945 moved South of Victor near the English River where they farmed until moving back to Victor in 1959. Forest worked at The Bruns Propane Gas Co. for several years, retiring in

1966. He had been a member of The United Methodist Church of Victor.

He is survived by his wife, Lena of North English; two sons, Robert L. Barker of Victor, and James Melton Barker of Des Moines; two brothers, Herbert B. Barker of Tracy, Mo., and Charles M. Barker of Hawkeye, Ia.; two sisters, Mrs. George (Dorothy L.) Sorden of Webster, Ia., and Mary Mildred Peters of San Diego, Calif. There are nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, William Charles Barker who died Feb. 6, 1986; and one sister, Alva Elizabeth Heitman.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the McAninch-Fremming Funeral Home with the Rev. James Schutter of the United Methodist Church, Victor officiating. Organist was Jane Alexander of Victor. Vocalist was Kathryn Grier of Victor. Honorary bearers were Leo Furney of Keswick, Wilmer Hudnut of Victor, John Jurjevich of Marengo, Russell O'Halloran of Grinnell, Charles Lortz of Millersburg, Merle Pope, Marvin Read and Laverne Weisskopf of Victor, and Forrest Wilhite of North English. The pall bearers were Raymond Beran of Victor, Sylvan Collingwood of Williamsburg, David Levan, Michael Levan and Steven Levan of Detroit, Mich., and Melvin Uridil of Victor. Burial was in the Victor Memorial Cemetery, Victor.

A memorial fund has been established in his name.