

## Rites held for Mr. Berthusen

Thomas J. Berthusen, 74, of Oakland Acres died Sunday, Jan. 31, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Gilman Community United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Steve Miller officiating. Organist was Janice Everts, and vocalist was Diane Bowers.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Jeffrey, Michael, William, Tracy, Norman Jr. and Gregory Berthusen. Honorary bearers were Harold

Cesar, Clifford Froelich, Jesse Knudson, Edward Peak Sr., Truman Rosedale and Raymond Swift. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Garden, Marshalltown.

Memorials may be made to the Gilman Community United Church of Christ and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

He was the son of Thomas and Johanna Norland Berthusen and was born on Nov. 24, 1913, in Kansas City, Mo. He moved to the Gilman area in 1920 where he attended school.

On Dec. 31, 1935, he was married to Roberta Grendler at Nashua. The couple farmed south of Gilman until moving to Oakland Acres in 1979.

Mr. Berthusen was a member of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ and the Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife; five sons, Robert of Gilman, Norman of Plano, Texas, Eugene and Stanley of Rockford, Ill., and Truman of Marshalltown; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a sister, Nellie McFarland of San Diego, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Leslie.