

## Elmer Burggraaf, 88

Elmer Burggraaf, 88, of Deep River, died Thursday, November 13 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Ill.

A funeral was Monday, November 17 at the Christian Church in Deep River. The Rev. Carroll Johnson officiated. Musical selections were "How Great Thou Art," "The Lord's Payer" and "The Dance," provided by Mrs. Evelyn Icenbice.

Casket bearers were Chad Burggraaf, Keith Tish, Arthur White, Arnold Burggraaf, Arlo Tish and Jim Cheney.

Interment was in West Liberty Cemetery in Poweshiek County.

Elmer was born February 3, 1909 in New Sharon, the son of William and Cora (Smith) Burggraaf. He graduated from New Sharon High School.

On December 24, 1935 he married Gladys Tish in Union Mills. To this union, two daughters were born.

Elmer farmed and was a carpenter in

Mahaska and Poweshiek Counties. For the past several years, he and his wife made their home in Deep River. Recently, they have been staying with their daughter, Shirley, in Carbondale, Ill.

Elmer was a member of the Isaac Walton League and occupied a seat on the Deep River City Council.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Leonard and four sisters, Gertrude, Nellie and two in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; two daughters, Peggy and husband Bob Clark of Maxwell and Shirley Beaver of Carbondale, Ill.; three grandchildren, Brian Beaver of Los Angeles, Brenna Matthews of Oklahoma City and Bianca Eff of Carbondale, Ill.; one sister, Violet Griffs of Higbee, Mo.; one brother, Arthur Burggraaf of Oskaloosa and other relatives and many friends.

Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of arrangements.

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