

Layton Burns

Layton E. Burns, 79, of Rte. 2, Gilman, died of complications of cancer Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at Estel-Perin-Avey Chapel, with the Rev. Edward H. Beck, pastor of the Gilman United Methodist Church, officiating. Private family committal services will be held at a future date following cremation.

Masonic rites were conducted Friday at the funeral Home, with Cyrus Lodge No. 338 of Gilman in charge.

A memorial fund has been established in Mr. Burns's name with the Gilman First Responders.

The son of William and Dessie Westerfield Dowell, he was born Jan. 25, 1911, in Tama County. He was later adopted by his grandparents, Edward and Deborah Burns. He attended school in the area of his birth.

He was married to Dora Paul March 6, 1933, in Princeton, Mo. The couple farmed in Jasper County for 57 years.

Mr. Burns was a member of the Gilman United Methodist Church, Cyrus Lodge No. 338, Signet Chapter No. 38, King Solomon Council No. 20, St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3 and the Laurel Cooperative. He was director of the Central Iowa Production Credit Association from 1959 to 1983.

Surviving are his wife, Dora; two sons, Roger and Ronald (Butch), both of Laurel; two daughters, Janet Freese of Gilman and Linda Wilkening of Perry; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Oleatha Reel of Whitten, Maxine Schuler of Gilman and Katherine Winters of Santa Paula, Calif.; and one brother, Leo of Albion, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a son in infancy, two grandchildren and one brother.

January 21, 1991

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