

John C. Coster

John C. Coster, 73, of New Sharon died Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the New Sharon Assembly of God, with Phil DeBoef officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, New Sharon.

Visiting hours will begin after 10 a.m. Thursday at the Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon, where the family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

He was born March 25, 1925, in Knoxville and was the son of Cornelius John "Neal" and Maude Blackman Coster. He was raised in Knoxville and was a graduate of Knoxville High School.

He began farming with his father near Knoxville in an area that is now covered by Lake Red Rock. He served stateside with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

On March 27, 1954, he was married to Eleanor Felsing in Laurens. They built their home near New Sharon where they lived for over 40 years.

Mr. Coster was a member of the Deep River Church of the Nazarene. He was also involved with progressive farming methods and alternative energy production, having developed different types of farm machinery and windmills.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, David of Grinnell, Jonathan of Fremont and Joe of Ankeny; seven daughters, Angela Beyer of Oskaloosa, Mary Ann McNeill of Fremont, Nancy Baker of Olathe, Kan., Kathy Coster of Des Moines, Julie Kabrich of Yakima, Wash., Sandy Petersen of Indianola and Ev Coster of Rock Creek; 20 grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and one sister, Marybelle Crosby of Fremont. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sons, Neal Eugene, Paul Jacob and Cornelius John "Neal" Coster.

A memorial fund has been established in his name.

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