

Delmer Ferdinand Dietrich

The son of Will and Mary Schwertfeger Dietrich, Delmer was born Feb. 4, 1911, near Victor. He was reared in the Victor area and received his education in a rural school in Lincoln Township, south of Victor.

He was married to Freda Hocker Feb. 7, 1934, at the Trinity Church of Christ, near Marengo. The couple farmed south of Victor until 1959, and then moved to Victor. While in Victor, he worked as a carpenter and was employed at the Amana Furniture Shop. He was a member of the Trinity United Church of Christ for many years.

He is survived by his children and their spouses. William and Jane Dietrich of Victor; Darren and Donna Dietrich of Cedar Rapids; Phyllis and Bob DeDecker of Victor; LaVerne and Katherine Dietrich of Newton and Nelson and Connie Dietrich of Puyallup, Washington; 15 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; a step-great grandchild; and three sisters, Edna Hahn of Colorado, Mildred Carter of Cedar Rapids, and Caroline Ballard of Wellman.

Delmer died Dec. 5 in Marengo, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife on Dec. 22, 1989; two sisters, Velma Newkirk and Lillian Wiedemeier; a granddaughter; and a great grandson.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 9 at Trinity United Church of Christ, rural Marengo with Rev. David Mears of Trinity United Church of Christ officiating.

Music was by Organist, Linda Goad; pianist, Kathryn Heitmann and vocalists, Dave and Karen Heitmann who performed "The Old Rugged Cross", "Shall We Gather at the River", and "It Is Well With My Soul". Pall bearers were Kevin Dietrich, Craig Dietrich, Jeff Dietrich, Dan Dietrich, Doug Dietrich and Dave Meade. Honorary pall bearers were Kirk Dietrich, Brian Dietrich, Jason Dietrich and Dan Meade. Interment was in Zion Cemetery, Iowa County with Smith Funeral of Victor in charge.