

Russell Gildersleeve

Russell Gildersleeve, 79, of Rte. 2, Kellogg, died of a heart attack Sunday, Feb. 20, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Wallace-Pence Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Long, pastor of the Kellogg United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rorabaugh Cemetery.

The son of Clinton and Lucinda Orendorff Gildersleeve, he was born Oct. 29, 1914, in Annawan, Ill. He attended Monroe schools.

Mr. Gildersleeve worked at the John Deere steel plant in the Quad Cities, worked for Maytag for 10 years, then began farming in the Kellogg area in 1940. He was married to Helen See Huston Davison Dec. 31, 1988, in Winfield.

Surviving are his wife; four stepsons, Mahlon Huston of Stella, Mo., Gary and Melvin Huston of Winfield and Kirk Huston of Pella; one daughter, Linda Ehler of Kellogg; nine step-grandchildren; 14 step-great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Gladys Birkenholtz of Newton, Jessie French of Newell, Viola Gildersleeve of Powersite, Mo., and Mildred Healy of Newton.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Melba; four brothers, Dave, Ola, Ora and Ervin "Buster" Gildersleeve; and four sisters, Mabel Birkenholtz, Hyla Campbell, Georgia Casper and Crystal Thomason.

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