

Delmar James

MR Oct. 25, 2000

Delmar James, 84, of Cedar Rapids died Wed. Oct. 18, 2000 at Manor Care after an extended illness. Services were October 23 at the Cedar Memorial chapel of Memories. Burial at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, three daughters, Maralene James of Cedar Rapids, Bonne Christenson and her husband, John and Dee Ann Thompson and her husband, Phillip all of Austin, TX.; four grandchildren, Chris Ewoldt of Cedar Rapids, Eric Christenson of Omaha, NE., Heather Christenson of Austin, TXI, and Samantha Roberts of Colorado; one great grandson, Benjamin James Christenson; two sisters, Leatte Allen of Cedar Rapids, and Lucille Meyer of Grinnell; many other relatives and many wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Walter and Leo James. Delmar was a long time jeweler and watchmaker in downtown Cedar Rapids. He started his business in 1937 in Montezuma and moved to Cedar Rapids in 1942.

Delmar was born on July 15, 1916 in Poweshiek County, the son of Irvan and Cora James. He married Ruth Gilbreath on Jan. 24, 1940. He was a longtime member of Christian Churches in Cedar Rapids and most recently was a member of First Christian Church.

Delmar was a very successful and professional jeweler. His dedication to his profession was exceptional and demonstrated by the the quality of his workmanship and the loyalty of his customers. His perfectionism was admired by all who knew him. He was a loving and caring husband, devoted to and proud of his wife, his daughters and their families. Delmar loved gardening and the outdoors, playing baseball in his younger years, but most of all he loved Jesus Christ. He will be greatly missed by all his family and acquaintances.

Memorial donations may be made to First Christian Church at 840 3rd Ave. SE. or Hospice of Mercy.