

Omar Milburn

Omar William Milburn, 85, of Newton, a former Grinnell and Kellogg area farmer, died of a heart attack Saturday, June 15, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jerry Brown, senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Newton, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Newton, with the Wallace-Pence Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of William and Gertrude Agee Milburn, he was born July 31, 1905, in Barnett, Mo. He was married to Bernice Johnson Dec. 20, 1928, in Newton. A resident of Jasper County for 57 years, Mr. Milburn had farmed in the Grinnell, Newton and Kellogg areas. He also bought and sold livestock.

He was a member of the Hope Well Baptist Church in Barnett and was a former member of the Jasper County Farm Bureau and the Oak Ridge Grange.

Surviving are five sons, Donald of Grinnell, Dale of Newton, James of Whittier, Calif., Larry of Newton and Gary of Grinnell; four daughters, Wanda White of Ankeny, Beverly Deutsch of Monroe, Joan Sievers of Newell and Joyce Capps of Knoxville; 27 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Logan of Eldon, Mo., and Ira of St. Joseph, Mo.; and two sisters, Dolly Rice of Jefferson City, Mo., and Beulah Wyss of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.