Maurice Ruddick

Maurice W. Ruddick, 86, of Rockaway Beach, Mo., formerly of Laurel and Gilman, died Sunday, April 9, at Skags Community Health Center in Branson, Mo.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Laurel United Methodist Church, with burial in Graceland Cemetery there. The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell is in charge of arrangements.

The son of Harry A. and Dorothy Adams Ruddick, he was born Jan. 25, 1914, in New Providence. He was a 1932 graduate of New Providence High School and later attended Iowa State University.

He was married to Betty Graves Oct. 19, 1961, in Lee Summit, Mo., and they lived in Cedar Rapids where he managed a horse farm.

He moved to Gilman in 1963 and was employed at the Farmers Coop. He later managed the local lumber yard. He moved to Laurel in 1970 and was self-employed as a blacksmith and horse trainer.

He retired to Branson in 1983 and moved to Rockaway Beach in 1991. While in Branson, he was employed at Shepherd of the Hills and Mutton Hollow. He was a member of the Laurel United Methodist Church and the Gilman Saddle Club.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, Maurice of Marshalltown, Terrance of Plano, Texas, and Douglas of Warfield, Vi.; two daughters, Jane Hawkins of Colonial Heights, Va., and Bonita Delledonne of Odessa, Del.; one sister, Jane Anderson of Jewell; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Sean; one brother, Lyle; and two grandchildren.

A Maurice Ruddick Memorial Fund has been established.

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