

## Kenneth Stoakes

Kenneth Wayne Stoakes, 70, of Clear Lake died at his home Thursday, Dec. 25.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Clear Lake United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Services also were conducted Monday at the United Methodist Church in Reinbeck, with the Rev. Fred Harris officiating. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

He was born April 23, 1927, in Traer and was the son of Newell Sherman and Julia Anne Myers Stoakes. He was a 1945 graduate of Geneseo High School and attended Upper Iowa University in Fayette.

He was married to Neta Louise Neidiger Aug. 8, 1948, in Traer. He then received his B.A. degree from Iowa State Teachers College in 1950, and in 1954 he completed his master's degree at Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley, Colo. He also worked on his doctorate at the University of Iowa.

He was a recipient of a National Science Foundation Scholarship. He served as superintendent of schools in Martelle. In 1950, he was acting principal and coached basketball and baseball in the Malcom schools, then served as a teacher and coach in the Orange Schools

From 1955 until 1960 he was superintendent of the Martelle schools, and from 1960 to 1966 he was principal of Jefferson School in Mason City. He was superintendent of the Reinbeck schools from 1966 to 1989, and from 1989 to 1994 he was curriculum director in Reinbeck until his retirement.

Mr. Stoakes was a member of the United Methodist Church in Clear Lake, the Kiwanis Club in Mason City and the Lions Club in Reinbeck. He was a former member of the United Methodist Church in Reinbeck and was a member of numerous service and professional organizations.

Surviving are his wife his mother, a resident of the Good Shepherd Health Care Center in Mason City; two daughters, Linda Daseke of Vancouver, Wash., and Kathleen Stoakes of Des Moines; one son, Dr. Davis Stoakes of Grinnell; three grandchildren; two sisters, Doris Nothnagel of Waterloo and Hazel Himebaugh of Cedar Falls; and one brother, Dr. Dean Stoakes of Salem, Or.

He was preceded in death by his father.