William Ralph Swangel

Funeral services were held for William Ralph Swangel, 85, of Marshalltown at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 6, 2001 at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma with Rev. Paul Prescott officiating. Congregational hymns included: "When All of God's Singers Get Home", "This World Is Not My Home", "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes", "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder", "The Way Of The Cross" and "I Know The Lord Will Find A Way". Casket bearers were Sam Fuller, Christian Swangel, Adam Swangel, David Swangel, Robert Swangel, Clinton Fuller and Alan Boone.

William died Thursday evening, Aug. 2, 2001 at his home.

Interment was in West Liberty Cemetery, west of Montezuma with arrangements by Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma

Memorials may be directed to the Ralph Swangel Memorial fund.

William Ralph Swangel was born March 12, 1916 at Montezuma, the son

of Alva and Edna (Gilbert) Swangel. On Nov. 25, 1936 he was united in marriage with Arlene Lenox at Terril, Iowa.

Ralph started farming near Malcom in 1943. In 1950 they moved to Los Angeles, Calif. for eight years. They moved back to Iowa in 1959 and farmed near Gladbrook until retiring in 1980. Since that time they have lived in Marshalltown.

His life centered around his wife, family and church. He enjoyed fishing with the grandchildren.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Arlene, Marshalltown; two daughters, Shirley Tuttle and her husband Jerry, Waterloo and Jo Ann Fuller, Marshalltown; two sons and their wives, Harold and Joyce Swangel, Morrilton, Ark. and Jarold and Karen Swangel, Waterloo; 20 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Warren Swangel, Denver, Colo., Henry Swangel, Kingman, Ariz., Don Swangel, Hilo, Hawaii and Paul Swangel, New Sharon; and other relatives and friends.