

Dean A. 'Pappy' Urfer

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Smith Funeral Home in Victor for Dean A. "Pappy" Urfer, 81, who died Saturday, Nov. 15, 1997, at his home in Cedar Rapids. The Rev. Torger Johnson of the United Methodist Church, Guernsey, officiates. Music is by organist Jean Fontinel, providing "Old Rugged Cross" and "Showers of Blessings."

Casketbearers are Matthew Bivens, Al Boyer, Anthony Christopherson, Mitchell Christopherson, Sandy Irons and Michael Sion. Interment is in Harmony Cemetery, rural Poweshiek County.

Dean was born July 11, 1916, on the family farm in Lincoln Township, Poweshiek County, to Arch and Daisy Groff Urfer. He was raised on the family farm and attended Guernsey schools. On Feb. 5, 1946, he was married to Nellie Frances Fields at Newton. The couple farmed in Poweshiek County until their retirement in 1979. After they retired, Dean and "Franny" moved to Cedar Rapids.

He was a member of the Guernsey United Methodist Church, and he enjoyed fishing and hunting and socializing with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one stepson; and his sister, Suzanne Phipps.

Survivors include his stepson, Gilbert C. Christopherson of Heiskell, Tenn.; his grandchildren, Vincent, Anthony, William and Mitchell Christopherson, Leann C. Bivens, Juanita F. Sion, and Tanya L. Dodson; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Glen Urfer of Brooklyn; and his sister, Zoe Wing.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Mercy in Cedar Rapids.

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