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**Benjamin June 15,
Verwers 1987**

Benjamin Verwers, 81, of 612 East 8th Street North, Newton, died of cancer Sunday morning June 11, at his home.

Services were held Tuesday June 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wallace-Pence Funeral Home, with Rev. Rick Thompson officiating. Burial was at Newton Union Cemetery. Memorials to Hospice of Jasper County will be appreciated.

The son of Jacob and Dena Rozenberg Verwers, he was born April 19, 1908 at Buckley Creek. He farmed in the Lynnville and Kellogg areas before retiring and moving to Newton in 1977.

He married his second wife, Arlene Rose Madoll on January 9, 1975 in Newton.

Mr. Verwers was a member of the First Christian Church and the Kellogg and Laurel Co-ops.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene; one son, Donald of Kent, Wash. two daughters, Betty Fry of Altoona and Sandra Backus of Swansea, Ill.; one step daughter, Mary Crecch of Newton; three brothers, Henry of Pella, Raymond and Melvin, both of Newton; two sisters, Dorothy Van Gent of New Sharon and Margaret Ridgeway of Kingman, Ariz; fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Lauretta; sister Cora; and two brothers, William and Marion.