

HENRY WILBUR WARD

Henry Wilbur Ward, 85, died Dec. 7, in Grinnell Hospital.

He was born Nov. 22, 1906 in Wapello County, the son of James Madison and Mary Belle Ancell Ward. On May 17, 1934 he was united in marriage with Zella Lucile Handy at Lancaster, MO. To this union four daughters and three sons were born.

They lived all of their married life in What Cheer. He worked for Grudgings Coal Mines before becoming a truck mechanic for What Cheer Clay Products. He then worked for Firestone in Oskaloosa until retiring in 1971. His wife Lucile passed away Dec. 31, 1990. Wilbur moved to Deep River in October, 1991.

Wilbur enjoyed antique tractors and working on all types of clocks. He also was a bee keeper.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one grandson; three brothers: Everett, Howard and Arvene and six sisters: Edith Benn, Josie Vannoy, Hattie Harwood, Melba Ward and two in infancy.

Wilbur is survived by his children and spouses: Mary Lorene and Mert Ross of Deep River, Donald Robert Ward of What Cheer, David Lee and Marge Ward of Frankfort; Linda Kay and Larry Tuttle of Des Moines, Evelyn Nancy and Sam Gillotti of Johnston, Connie Sue and Michael Smith of Des Moines, and Terry Gene and Joyce Ward of Mitchellville; 16 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

The funeral service was Dec. 10 at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma.

Officiating was Rev. Frances Baumert, Christian Church, What Cheer.

The music "He Lives", and "How Great Thou Art" were performed by soloist Mrs. Rhonda Minner, and organist Mrs. Verla VanDee.

Casket bearers were: Darrin Tuttle, Don Ross, Brian Smith, David Tuttle, Jason Ross, and Paul Handy.

Interment was at the Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River.

Memorial may be given to the What Cheer Fire Department or Deep River Fire Department.