



## Melbourne Fire Claims Four

Tom Andrews and his three children, James 15, Jeri Lyn 13 and Janelle Kay 10, perished in a blaze early Tuesday morning which destroyed their rural Melbourne farm home. All that remains of the large two-story frame farm house, which was located two miles east of Melbourne, is pictured above.

The fire was apparently reported by Andrews, and officials presumed he then attempted to get the children out of the house.

The alarm was received by the Melbourne Fire Department about 3

a.m. Tuesday, and when units of the department arrived on the scene the home was completely engulfed in flames. Units from the Haverhill and Rhodes Fire Departments were summoned to the scene by the Melbourne Dept., and these two assisted in the fire fighting efforts.

Cause of the fire has not been determined, and the investigation is being handled by the State Fire Marshal's office.

Dr. Jon Witt noticed the fire from his office, where he was treating an animal. The blaze was two miles

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from the Vet Clinic. Dr. Witt drove to the scene, arriving just before the fire department and noted that the whole west side of the house was on fire.

Melbourne firemen attempted to enter the house from the east side, but were driven back by the heat.

One body was recovered Tuesday, with the search continuing Wednesday. Search efforts were being hampered by the hot debris.

A complete obituary of Andrews and the three children may be found elsewhere in this paper.

## Funeral Services Set Friday for Thomas Andrews, Three Children

MELBOURNE — Funeral services for Thomas F. Andrews and his three children, James, Jeri Lyn and Janelle Kay, who died early Tuesday morning in a fire at their home, will be held at 2 p.m. at the St. John United Church of Christ in Melbourne, with burial following in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Ryan-Davis Funeral Home, in charge of arrangements, notes there will be no visitation.

### Thomas F. Andrews

Thomas F. Andrews, age 40, was born Aug. 19, 1936 at State Center, the son of Merle and Ana P. Holtby Andrews. He married Shirley Knoll Oct. 18, 1959 in Grimes and she survives him. He is also survived by his mother.

Preceding him in death was his father.

He was a 1955 graduate of Melbourne High School and lived in Marshalltown until moving to the farm east of Melbourne five and a half years ago. Mr. Andrews served in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier Valley Forge. He was employed at Fisher Controls in Marshalltown.

He was a member of the

United Methodist Church of Melbourne, the Full Moon Masonic Lodge of which he was Past Master, and of the Melbourne Fire Dept.

### James Andrews

James Andrews, age 15, was born Aug. 10, 1961 at Marshalltown, son of Thomas and Shirley Andrews. A tenth grade student at West Marshall High School, he was interested in athletics, and was a member of the Melbourne United Methodist Church and its Youth Group, boys 4-H and F.F.A.

### Jeri Lyn Andrews

Jeri Lyn Andrews, age 13, was born to Thomas and Shirley Andrews on Mar. 24, 1963 at Cedar Rapids. She was an eighth grade student at West Marshall Junior High School. She was a member of the Melbourne United Methodist Church and its Youth Group, boys and girls 4-H and the Junior Garden Club.

### Janelle Kay Andrews

Janelle Kay Andrews, age 10, was born June 21, 1966 at Marshalltown to Thomas and Shirley Andrews. She was a fifth grade West Marshall student in the Melbourne attendance center. She was a member

of girls and boys 4-H and the Junior Garden Club.

### Survivors

The children are survived by their mother and grandparents, Ana Andrews of Melbourne, Mrs. Dorothy Clausen of Boone and Arthur Knoll of Perry.

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