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JAMES ATWOOD

Urbandale



James Atwood, 82, of Urbandale passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at the Trinity Care Center

at Luther Park.

Funeral Services will be held at Merle Hay Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 30, at 11 a.m. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

James was born on July 28, 1925, in Mingo, Iowa to Maude and Jefferson Atwood and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1943. Upon graduation, he enlisted and served in the Army during WWII from 1943 to 1945. In 1947 he married Maurine Erickson and from that marriage had two children, Richard and Linda.

In 1959, he was united in marriage to Betty Southern and they celebrated nearly 50 years together.

James purchased a freight line company and was owner of Atwood Freight for over 25 years. James loved to travel and purchase new cars. James enjoyed spending time with his family, going to stock-car races and he also enjoyed the excitement of casinos.

James is survived by his wife Betty; children, Richard (Dawn) Shafer and Linda Porter; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Arlene Sharp; step-sisters, Eleanor Wisdom and Gertrude (Bill) Minor; niece, Janice Needels; nephew, John Sharp; and Maurine Shafer. He is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mingo United Methodist Church or to Hospice of Central Iowa.

Merle Hay Funeral Home