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JUNE 28, 1932-Nov. 18, 2003

J ames Lee Backoff, 71, of rural Maxwell, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines from complications of head injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Colo, with the Rev. Jon Seda officiating. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery in Colo.

Jim was born June 28, 1932, in Story County, the son of Joseph and Violet (Adams) Backoff. He married Mildred Hollenbeck on Oct. 1, 1951, in Nevada. He was a retired truck driver. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Colo. Jim's hobbies included camping, building models and working with his tractor. He was a lifelong resident of Story County.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mildred of Maxwell; four daughters, Aloma (Mike) Hurt of Ames, Regina (Joel) Whitehead of Maxwell, Ramona (Ron) Prather of Fernald and Becky (Jay) Arends of Nevada; three



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Visitation will be after 4 p.m. today at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada, with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established.

Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada is in charge of arrangements.



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