GEORGE C. BALLARD



George C. Ballard, 59, died Saturday, November 22, 2003 of a sudden heart attack at Mercy Medical Center. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 26 at Mitchellville United Methodist Church, with

burial in Mitchellville Cemetery.

George was born April 10, 1944 in Collins, Iowa and was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1966 to 1969. He was the Vice-President of Legacy Bank in Mitchellville.

George was currently a member of the Mitchellville and Altoona Chambers of Commerce, Mitchellville Lions Club. American Legion Post #155 and Mitchellville Community Improvement. He was appointed to the Des Moines-Polk County Charter Commission; he received the Mitchellville Volunteer Award: coached many youth baseball and girls softball teams over the past 30 years; he was appointed to the Mitchellville Parks and Recreation Board: chairman of the Mitchellville Progress Days (Thomas Mitchell Days) annual celebration; and co-organized both Mitchellville co-ed volleyball and men's basketball leagues.

George served on building committees for both the Mitchellville Elementary and the Southeast Polk High Schools; he received two Southeast Polk Partners in Excellence Awards; he received the State of Iowa FFA Distinguished Service Award, and was a judge for the State FFA and the State DECA contests.

George also served on the Mitchellville United Methodist Church Administrative Council, Finance Committee and Trustees Committee and served as leader for the church youth group.

He is survived by his wife, Kristy Ballard of Mitchellville; daughter, Kari Ballard of Cedar Falls; brother, Rev. William Ballard of Bedford; and sister, Jane Kliebenstein of Shell Rock.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Mitchellville Community Center. Characteristically of George, he was a participant of the Gift of Life Donor Program. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorial donations be sent to The George C, Ballard Memorial Fund at Legacy Bank in Mitchellville.

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