LeRoy Joshua Battles

LeRoy Joshua Battles, 87, of Ames died of a heart ailment Friday at Mary Greeley Medical Center there. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church in Ames, of which he was a member. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetry in Collins.

LeRoy Joshua Battles was born in Putney, S.D., the son of Delmar and Mae “Maggie” (Stanley) Battles. He graduated from Bondurant High School in 1926. On Aug. 13, 1934, he married Leona Vasey in Des Moines. Mr. Battles was a supervisor of heating and plumbing at Iowa State University for 45 years. He retired in 1980. Mr. Battles was a member of the I.O.F.F. of Ames and the First Christian Church of Ames. He was a resident of Ames since 1939.

Mr. Battles is survived by his wife; two sons, Lawrence Battles of DeSoto, Texas and Norman Battles of Urbandale; two daughters, Karen Battles of Ames and Sherri Beaty of Nevada; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Visitation is from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the Stevens Memorial Chapel in Ames. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church in Ames.