Obituary

Reid Beavers, 85, Collins

Reid Beavers, 85, of Collins, died Monday, January 25th, at the Kavanaugh Hospice House in Des Moines while in their care and his loving family.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 29th, at the Rhodes United Methodist Church with Pastor Brent DeSilva officiating. Immediately following, there will be a lunch with the family prior to burial. Visitation were held from 5-7:00 p.m. Thursday at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Memorials may be directed to the Kavanaugh House in Des Moines, the Collins 1st Responders or Rhodes United Methodist Church.


Born on March 6th, 1924, in Decatur County, Iowa, he was one of three children born to J. Rolla and Bertha (Hutchins) Beavers. He attended several schools as a young boy as his father was a farmhand for many farmers.

The family came to Collins in 1937 when he was in 8th grade. He graduated from the Collins High School’s Class of 1942.

On March 24th, 1944, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Wallace at the Iowa Falls United Methodist Church. They made their home near Rhodes farming and purchased their farm at Collins in December of 1967. The couple made this their home until retiring into Collins in 200. Still, Reid enjoyed going to the farm everyday to help with chores.

Reid was a member of the Rhodes United Methodist Church and was a born farmer. He treasured the time with his grandchildren- especially camping, his trips to Arizona beginning in 1986 until 200, gardening, cutting wood, playing pool, cribbage, 500 and shuffleboard and driving the school bus for the Collins Schools.

Left to cherish his memory are Lorraine - his loving wife, work partner and best friend of 65 years, three children: Beverly Mills (John Johnson) of Des Moines, Jim (Alice) Beavers of Collins and Frank (LeAnn) Beavers of Colo; eight grandchildren: Michele Brant, T.R. (Bob) Mills, III, Jeffry Mills, Jodi Girard, Jennifer Gerhart, Michael Beavers, Brett Beavers and Laura Greenwell, 11 great-grandchildren, his brother Rex (Phyllis) Beavers of Collins and sister Ramona Mahoney of Polk City.

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