OBITUARIES

COLLEEN CHRISTENSEN, 78

Colleen (Mrs. Rodger) Christensen, 78, of 102 Kearney Street, Union, died early Monday morning, November 5th, at the Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

Funeral services celebrating Colleen’s life were held Friday, November 9th, at the Union Community Church with Pastor Rick Shill officiating. She will be laid to rest in Nora Springs, Iowa at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Salvation Army. For condolences, please visit www.mitchelldfl.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral home in Marshalltown is caring for Colleen and her family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born Colleen Turner on August 29th, 1929, in Nora Springs, Iowa, she was the daughter of Berlie and Dara (Freestone) Turner. She graduated from the Rockford, Iowa, High School’s class of 1948.

On September 10th, 1950, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa, she was united in marriage to Rodger Christensen. They made their home in rural Marshalltown and Union. Mrs. Christensen was employed as a telephone operator for many years and most recently at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center at the switchboard until retiring after 23 years. She was a member of the Union Community Church, the Cedar Valley Danes, loved genealogy, her family, embroidery, reading and was a calm, practical person who will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

Surviving are her loving husband of 57 years, Rodger; her children, Curtis (Hope) Christensen of Miami, Jon Jay (Debbie) Christensen of St. Louis, Brian (Janet) Christensen of Waterloo; grandchildren, Joy Marie Christensen, Tyler Christensen, Eric Christensen; step grandchildren, Celeste (Armadi) Gurno, Sam (Whitney) Huttig; step-great grandchildren, Connor, Collin, Caden, Caeley; and friends.

EUGENE BRENNICK, 80

Eugene “Papa Gene” Brennicks, 80, of Dunbar, died early Monday morning, November 5th, at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center. Funeral services celebrating Gene’s life were held on Thursday, November 8th, at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Dillon with Pastor Fred Berry officiating. He was laid to rest in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery at Dillon with full military honors by the Gilman American Legion. For condolences, please visit www.mitchelldfl.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Eugene and his family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born Eugene LaVern Brennicks on July 8th, 1927, at home in rural Marshalltown, he was the son of Fredrick and Olive Lucille (Gunderson) Brennicks. He graduated from the Dunbar High School and then served our country proudly in the United States Army during WWII.

On December 14th, 1947, he was united in marriage to Mable Petrie in Gilman. They have resided in the Dillon and Dunbar area where they farmed and he was employed at Martin-Marietta and Fisher Controls until retiring. Eugene was a hardworking, loving husband and father who enjoyed his family, fishing, word-find puzzles and helping neighbors and friends. He will be greatly missed by many.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 63 years, Mable; his children, Susan (Norm) Cook, Pam (Robin) Mann, JoAnn Holder, Sharon Wolfen, Sandra (Kurt) Karns and Christopher (Debbie) Brennicks; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

MARTIN JAY DAVENPORT, 41

MARSHALLTOWN-Martin Jay Davenport, age 41, of Marshalltown and formerly of Tama, died Saturday, November 3, 2007, at his home due to a sudden illness. Traditional graveside services were held Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at the Meskwaki Cemetery on the Meskwaki Settlement with Larry C. Lasley Sr. as speaker. Head Pallbearer was Nader Buffalo. Pallbearers were Larry C. Lasley Sr., Wes Lasley, Benjamin Bear, Virgil Lasley, Jon White breast, Frank Blackcloud, Luke Kapayou, Eddie Kapayou Jr. and Chad Keahna. A Traditional Wake was held Monday evening at the Fox Clan Ceremonial Building on the settlement.

Martin was born on May 13, 1966, in Marshalltown, the son of John Freland and Katherine Davenport. He worked in surveillance at Meskwaki Bingo, Casino, and Hotel. Martin enjoyed drag racing, John Force was a big favorite. He also enjoyed playing pool, being around his friends, and attending drag races.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Katherine Davenport; grandparents, Martin and Louise Morgan Davenport; and uncles, Michael Davenport, Larry Davenport, Merlin Davenport, and Robert Davenport.

Survivors include two sons, Brandon White of Marshalltown and Grayson Davenport of Tama; his father, John Freland of LeGrand; two sisters, Tamara Peterson of Illinois and Julie (Todd) Skala of Toledo; one brother, David (Nora) Freland of Wyoming; many aunts and uncles; and numerous relatives.

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In death she has rejoined her parents.

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Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home, Tama-Toledo is handling the arrangements.

**RICHARD LIFER, 65**

Richard "Dick" Lifer, 65, of 304 South 14th Ave, Marshalltown, died on October 31, 2007, at his home.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home. There will be no visitation. Burial rites will be held at a later date. There was a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the memorial service. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. Memorials in Richard's name may be donated to the charity of your choice. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown is caring for Richard and his family. Ph 641-844-1234.