

OBITUARIES

Dale E. Chidester, 76

Dale E. Chidester, 76, Weldon, Iowa, died of cancer Aug. 19, 2002 at the Kavanagh House in Des Moines.

Services were held Saturday, Aug. 23. A memorial service was at the Smyrna Friends Church in Smyrna with burial following at the Smyrna Cemetery in Clarke County. Pastor Erwin Cook officiated.

Memorials may be sent to the Hospice of Central Iowa or the Smyrna Friends Church. Kale Funeral Home of Osceola was in charge of arrangements.

Dale E. Chidester, son of Paul Chidester and Louva Bell Allen Chidester was born March 8, 1926 in Eagle, NE. He grew up in Eagle, NE. At the age of 15, he moved with his family to a farm west of LeRoy, Iowa. He graduated from LeRoy High School in 1943. Dale served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Beverly Rose Curnes on Aug. 17, 1947 at the Osceola Christian Church. They moved to a farm east of Weldon.

Four children blessed this union, Mary, Christine, David and Donald. Beverly passed away at their home on Oct. 3, 1997; Dale was still residing at their home.

Dale was a farmer and had worked as a Soil Conservation Technician for the Soil Conservation Services for 30 years. He was a member of the Smyrna Friends church. He served as a Smyrna Cemetery trustee for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Beverly, infant son Donald and sister Eva Bell Everett.

He leaves to cherish his memory daughter Mary Suko and husband Aaron of Oregon; daughter, Christine Mortenson and husband Dan of Urbandale; son David Chidester and wife Kathy of McCallsburg; 4 grandchildren, Aaron Mortenson of Urbandale; Christopher, Rebecca and Elizabeth Chidester of McCallsburg; as well as other relatives and a host of friends.