

## OBITUARIES

# Howard Eldridge, 86

Howard Eldridge, 86, of 448 South Oak Street, Rhodes, Iowa, died Friday afternoon, January 20th, at the MMSC. His death came peacefully at 3:25 P.M.

Funeral services and a celebration of Howard's life were held at 10:30 am Tuesday,

January 24th,

at the Rhodes

United

Methodist

Church with

Rev. Jeffrey R.

Frese

officiating. He

was laid to rest

in the Clemons

Cemetery

immediately

following a

time of fellowship and lunch at the

church. For condolences, please

visit [www.mitchellfh.com](http://www.mitchellfh.com). The

Mitchell Family Funeral Home is

caring for Howard and his family.

641-844-1234.

Born on May 11th, 1919, in Clemons, Iowa, he was the son of Harold and Lydia (Eckhardt) Eldridge. He received his education in Clemons, St. John Parochial School and graduated from the State Center High School.



On May 5th, 1939, in Eldora, Iowa, he was united in marriage to Goldie DeVault. They have resided at Rhodes where he was a farmer and gas and feed salesman and a member of the Rhodes United Methodist Church.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 66 years, Goldie, five children: Leah (Jerry) Vande Kamp of Melbourne, Howard (Pam) Eldridge, Jr. of State Center, Lyle (Linda) Eldridge of State Center, Kenneth "Reggie" (Marla) Eldridge of Marshalltown, Jennie (LaVern) Karsjen of Rhodes, a nephew whom he raised Herb (Jeannie) Henschel, 15 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, four sisters; Cordelia Bates of Oklahoma City, OK., Doris Hammerson in California, Joanne Mick in Springfield, MO, Mary Beth Greethouse of Osceola, MO, his brothers D'wayne Eldridge of Springfield, MO, and Harold Stanley Eldridge of Vista, MO, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

In death, he has rejoined his parents and siblings Ethel, Bernice, Eleanor, Marion "Bud", Gail and a brother in infancy.