

OBITUARIES

James W. Ellis, 60

James W. Ellis, 60, of State Center, died Tuesday, May 14, at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center. His death came suddenly, yet peacefully, at 10:04 a.m.

Funeral services and a celebration of Jim's life were held on Saturday at the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home in Marshalltown with Rev. Ron Darge of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center officiating. He was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery at State Center. A memorial fund is being established. The Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home has been entrusted by the Ellis family with his final arrangements.

James was born on June 5, 1941, in Marshalltown, one of two children born to Howard and Lois (Cooper) Ellis. He received his education in State Center and graduated from the State Center

High School's Class of 1959.

On Oct. 29, 1960, he was united in marriage to Suzanne Hilleman, the daughter of Arnold and W. Jean Hilleman of State Center. The couple has farmed near State Center for the past 41 years. Both are members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center. Jim will be fondly remembered as a loving husband and father who left this life all too soon. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 41 years, Suzanne; two beloved sons, Tracy of Baltimore, Maryland and Scott of Fargo, North Dakota; his only dear sister, Sherrill Foote of Marshalltown and a host of friends as well as the Hilleman family.

In death he has rejoined his parents.