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Marvin E. Erickson

Nov. 27, 1918, to Dec. 7, 2003

Marvin E. Erickson, 86, of Ames, died Dec. 7 at the Israel Family Hospice House, Ames.

He was born Nov. 27, 1918, in McCallsburg to Cornelius and Amanda Erickson. He farmed near McCallsburg, worked as an insurance agent from 1972 to 1975, worked for Gulf Oil and was a greeter at WalMart from 1985-2003. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a mortar gunner. He married Delores Reinberger on June 27, 1981. He was the "Corn Husking" champion for Iowa and a national champion. He was a member of Bergen Lutheran Church and the Sons of Norway. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Delores of Ames; a son, Steve Erickson of Story City; two daughters, Peggy Messick of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Mary Terry of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a brother, Sam Erickson of McCallsburg; and four sisters, Mae Lovig of Story City, Mildred Osvog of Story City, Marie Williams of Iowa Falls and Gerine Corbin of Ames.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Corine Moore, Alta Lunning and Evelyn Hill; a nephew and a niece.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 11, at Bergen Lutheran Church, Roland, with the Rev. Rachael Hanson officiating. Burial was in the Ames Municipal Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bergen Lutheran Church, Bethesda Lutheran Church or the Israel Family Hospice House. Adams Funeral Home, Ames, handled arrangements.

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