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November 21, 2002

Leo Jay Faris

Jan. 27, 1927, to Nov. 17, 2002

Leo Jay Faris, 75, of Union, died of cancer at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames on Sunday, Nov. 17.

He was born Jan. 27, 1927, in Chester to James and Mary Edith (Seward) Faris. He married Zenna Smith on Aug. 4, 1948, in Whitten. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He worked as a farmer. He was a member of the New Providence School Board, the New Providence Fire Department and American Legion Union Post No. 255 of Union.

Survivors include his wife, Zenna Faris of Union; a son, James (and Gayle) Faris of Hubbard; a daughter, Kathy (and Daryl) Gilmore of Marshalltown; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Edward (and Mary) Faris of New Providence and Gary (and Joyce) Faris of Iowa Falls; and a sister, Rosemary (and Robert) Wellman of Downing, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday, Nov. 21) at the Honey Creek New Providence Friends Church in New Providence. Burial was in the New Providence Cemetery. Fredregill Funeral Home, Zearing, handled arrangements.

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OBITUARIES

Leo Jay Faris, 75

Mr. Leo J. Faris, 75, Union, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames after a three-week stay. He died from complications from cancer.

Services were held Nov. 21 at the Honey Creek Friends Church in New Providence.

He was born Jan. 27, 1927 in Chester, Iowa to the parents of James and Mary Edith (Seward) Faris. He married Zenna Smith on Aug. 5, 1948 in Whitten. They farmed in the New Providence and Union areas. He also served during World War II with the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Faris was a member of the New Providence School Board, the New Providence Fire Department, American Legion Post #255 in Union and also enjoyed the out doors.

He is survived by his spouse, Zenna of Union, a son, James (Gayle) Faris of Hubbard, a daughter, Mrs. Kathy (Daryl) Gilmore of Marshalltown; five grandchildren, Mrs. Amber (Nathan) Wiertzema; Austin and Amy Faris, Brett (Amy) Gilmore, Brant Gilmore, Brock Gilmore; 3 great grandchildren, Taylor Hilsabeck, Cole Gilmore and Madison Wiertzman; 2 brothers, Edward (Mary) Faris of New Providence and Gary (Joyce) Faris of Iowa Falls; a sister, Mrs. Rosemary (Robert) Wellman of Downing, MO.

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Fredregill Funeral Home of Zearing was in charge of arrangements.