

OBITUARY

James Gene Griffiths, 101

"Gene" Griffiths, 101, of the State Center Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002 at the facility.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Clemons United Church of Christ with Reverend David Lewis officiating. Interment will follow in the Clemons Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established to the Clemons United Church of Christ. For further information, please visit www.purseldavis.com.

Mr. Griffiths was born Oct. 14, 1900 in Van Buren County, Iowa, the son of James and Sarah (Heath) Griffiths. He attended rural schools in the area. On Oct. 20, 1932 he married Garnet Hervey in

Keosauqua. They lived in Keosauqua until moving to Marshall County in 1938. He was a farmer, but still found time for civic activities. He was a member of Clemons United Church of Christ and was on the boards of the Minerva Valley Creamery and Minerva Valley Telephone.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Jean (Mrs. Don) Sparks, New Providence, sons Joe (Mary) Griffiths, Clemons, and Richard (Martha) Griffiths, Winter Park, Colorado; sister Ruth Creath, Cantril; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife in 1981, sister Mary, and brothers Roy and Fern.