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Merrill Martin Heintz

May 24, 1919, to Feb. 27, 2002

Merrill Martin Heintz, 82, of Nevada, died of congestive heart failure on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames.

He was born on May 24, 1919, in Story County to Lewis and Nellie (Gunn) Heintz. He was a graduate of Nevada High School and was a Sergeant in the Army during World War II in the southern Philippines. Merrill married Virginia McDonald on Jan. 8, 1942, in Nevada. He was a farmer and was employed as a site inspector for the DOT for 18 years. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Nevada VFW. He enjoyed spending time with family and traveling. He was a lifelong resident of Story County.

Survivors include four daughters, Kay Dayton of Ankeny; Joan Heintz of Nevada, Mary Hathaway of Ames and Theresa Samson of Ames; a son, Mark Heintz of Nevada; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Chernivsky of Leesburg, Fla.; and three brothers, Bill Heintz of Ames, Joseph Dale Heintz of Nevada and Gene Heintz of Hamilton, Ill.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia on Dec. 28, 2001; a brother, Jack; and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 2, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Nevada with Father Jon Seda officiating. Burial with military rites followed in the St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Chet Ryan Mortuary, Nevada, handled arrangements.

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