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Richard James Jordan



Born: 12/9/1923

Died: 4/25/2003

Services will be held at: 1:00 P.M., Friday, May 02, 2003 at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory.

Visitation times are: 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Thursday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will greet friends from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Richard J. Jordan, 79, of 1607 West Main Street, Marshalltown, Iowa died Friday, April 25, 2003 at his home. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held at 1:00 P.M., on Friday, May 02, 2003, at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory with the Rev. Greg Ellcey officiating. Following services, Richard will be cremated at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. A VISITATION will be from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Thursday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. MEMORIALS may be directed to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Richard James was born on December 09, 1923 in Peoria, Illinois, the son of Thomas Patrick & Anastacia (Sweinboldt) Jordan. He was raised and educated in the Peoria, Illinois area where he graduated from the Spaulding High School. Following high school, Richard continued his education at Bradley University in Peoria and the University of Iowa. He served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He married Gloria Louise Dunlap, February 23, 1946 in Peoria, Illinois. Richard was a faculty member for a short time at the U of I and in 1952 moved his family to Marshalltown where he had accepted a position with the Marshall County School System. He served as the Director of Special Education for the Marshall, Jasper & Hardin County School Systems and finally for the Marshalltown School System, retiring in the early 1990's. Richard was instrumental in starting the Pleasant Hill School and had dedicated his professional career to children with special needs. He was a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, ARC, the Special Olympics and the American Legion. Richard is survived by his wife: Gloria Jordan, Marshalltown, Iowa; two daughters: Rebecca "Becky" & husband Darwin Merrill, Marshalltown, Iowa and Deborah & husband Gregory Wilkening, Owasso, Oklahoma; a grandson: Jarrod Jordan Wilkening and a sister: Eileen Ann & husband Alan Burke, Peoria, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter: Kathy Luann; three brothers: Thomas, Ralph & Lawrence and two sisters: Mary Ellen Smith & Nancy Jordan.