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Joe Karl Sr.



Born: December 25, 1923

Died: January 18, 2005

Services will be held at: following cremation at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory memorial services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, January 24, at the Elim Lutheran Church with Reverend Karen Cluts officiating. Private family burial will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be directed in his name to his family. Visitation times are: no visitation is planned at this time.

Joe was born December 25, 1923 in Cashton, Wisconsin, the son of Joseph J. and Amelia C. (Brecht) Karl. He was raised and educated in La Crosse, Wisconsin and graduated from the Aquinas High School in 1942. Joe served his country during World War II as a medical technician in the United States Army while stationed in the Philippines. Following his honorable discharge Joe returned home and was united in marriage to Ruthmae Phillips on August 1, 1953 in La Crosse. Joe and his family moved to

Marshalltown in 1961. He worked for over thirty years for Marshalltown Instruments and Electric Auto-Lite in La Crosse, Wisconsin and Port Huron, Michigan. Joe also worked as a security guard for Fisher Controls for over ten years. He enjoyed fishing, crossword puzzles and crafts. Joe was a member of the Elim Lutheran Church. Joe is survived by his wife Ruthmae of Marshalltown, his three sons Rick of Tucson, Arizona, Scott of Des Moines, and Joseph Jr. of Marshalltown, his daughter Kristi of Marshalltown, his special daughter Tracy (Jim) Thomas of LeGrand, his special granddaughter Kelsey Thomas of LeGrand and several nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Eugene and Raymond and his three sisters Angeline, Irene, and Evelyn.