

June 13, 2003

Weldon B. Kingsbury

May 22, 1920, to June 4, 2003

Weldon B. Kingsbury, 83, of Ames, died of cancer on June 4 at his home.

He was born in rural Boone County on May 22, 1920, to Frank W. and Birdie O. (Brooks) Kingsbury. He attended Kelley School for 10 years and graduated from Milford Township High School in 1938. He attended Iowa State University and then began farming with his father. Most of his life was spent farming, except for nine years (1955-1964) when he owned and operated Electric Motor Rewind in Boulder, Colo. He raised Shetland ponies. He had an extraordinary delight and expertise in farm and home auctions. He married Mavis I. Cunningham on Feb. 19, 1944, at the First United Methodist Church in Ames. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Story County Farm Bureau, a past member of the Ames Saddle Club and a Washington Township trustee.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis Kingsbury of Ames; a son, Lowell Kent Kingsbury of Ames; three daughters, Charlotte Lyn Spitzli of Petoskey, Mich., Audrey Kay Cammack of Danville, Calif., and Debra Ann Craig of Coos Bay, Ore.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Helen L. Black and Gertrude F. Price.

A memorial service was held June 9 at First United Methodist Church in Ames. Burial was in the Lincoln Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Polk County. Stevens Memorial Chapel, Ames, handled arrangements.