

OBITUARIES

Eugene Koett, 93

Eugene Koett, 93, of 306 South 4th St., Marshalltown, died peacefully early Sunday morning, March 3, at the Villa del Sol while in care of the Iowa River Hospice.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, March 5, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fr. Bernard Grady officiating. Burial followed in the Riverside Cemetery. The Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was entrusted with the final arrangements.

Born on August 8, 1908, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, he was one of seven children born to John A. and Elizabeth (Lindsey) Koett. He received his education in the area of his birth, Oelwein and Marshalltown. He was united in marriage to Veronica Kalinay and they resided in Marshalltown where he was employed with Strand Bakery and Fisher Controls, retiring in 1973 after nearly 25 years of faithful service to the company. In 1983, his wife passed away and he reacquainted with an old friend, Ildra Hilleman. The two

were married on Aug. 17, 1984 at their home in Marshalltown by Fr. Hargrafen of St. Mary's. They shared 17 treasured years together. His health began to decline this past November.

Eugene will be fondly remembered as a loving husband who enjoyed his travels with family and friends alike (especially in Chrysler Autos), and was a talented woodworker, making a grandfather clock that graces their living room. Mr. Koett was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Golden Classes and the UAW Retirees.

Left to mourn his loss is his loving wife, Ildra; a niece, Virginia Soukup of Fairfax, Iowa; and a nephew, George "Larry" Wortman of Cedar Rapids.

In death he rejoined his parents, his wife Veronica, son William who died in 1995 and sisters and brothers: Aimee Wortman, William, Veronica, Gertrude, Geraldina and Bernard Koett.