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#### **Willard Martin**



Born: 7/18/1917

Died: 4/26/2003

Services will be held at: 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2003 at Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church

Visitation times are: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Biersborn Funeral Home, where the family will be present from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Willard Martin, 85, of New Providence, Iowa, died Saturday, April 26, 2003 at the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center. VISITATION will be from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at the Biersborn Funeral Home in Union, where the family will be present from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Cremation will follow visitation and

MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2003, at the Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church. MEMORIALS may be directed to the Alzheimers Foundation or Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church.

Willard was born on July 18, 1917, in New Providence, Iowa, the son of John and May (Hawk) Martin. Raised and educated in New Providence, he later served in the Navy during WWII. On February 18, 1953, he married Ethel Howland. He was a lifelong resident and farmer in New Providence. He was a former Mayor of New Providence and a member of the Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church, Masonic Lodge, Farm Bureau, and the local Co-Op Board. He was an avid golfer and bowler. He sang with the church choir for seventy years and more recently with the Marshalltown Mens Chorus. Willard Martin is survived by his wife Ethel; brothers: Neil (Peggy) Martin, of Marshalltown and Gilbert Martin, of Dayton, Ohio; sisters: Alice Rowley, of Atlantic, Iowa and Luanna Strickland, of Odenton, Maryland; twelve nieces and nephews; seventeen great nieces and great nephews; and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Jeannette Martin.