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Alden Matthias

March 10, 1917, to March 6, 2002

Alden Matthias, 84, of Marshalltown, died early Wednesday morning, March 6, at his home of natural causes.

He was born in Bremer County on March 10, 1917, to Henry and Mary (Wittenburg) Matthias. He was raised and educated in Denver, Iowa, and he graduated from high school there. He then completed a special course at the University of Minnesota and became a buttermaker, working for many creameries. He married Berdina Moeller on March 23, 1941, in Readlyn. He worked at the Garwin Creamery until 1970, when he moved to Marshalltown and began working at Swift & Co. until retiring in 1983. He was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Gladbrook, Marshalltown Sr. Citizens, a former member of the Garwin Lions and the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include three children, Dennis (and Patti) Matthias of Woodbury, Minn.; Tim Matthias of Eldora; and Angela (and Rick) Ervin of LeGrand; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a long-time friend, Irene Coughenour.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife in 1975; and three brothers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 9, at Christ Lutheran Church in Gladbrook with Pastor Bruce Zimmerman officiating. Burial followed in the Garwin Cemetery at Garwin. Estel Perrin Avey Funeral Home in Marshalltown handled arrangements.

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