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#### **Samuel McClaren**



Born: 1/5/1918

Died: 3/6/2003

Services will be held at: 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home.

Visitation times are: 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Monday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home where the family will greet friends from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Sam McClaren, 85, of 409 Third Avenue, S.W., State Center, Iowa died Thursday, March 06, 2003 at his home in State Center. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held at 2:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Keith McDonald, State Center Presbyterian Church, officiating. INTERMENT will follow services in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, Marshalltown. A VISITATION will be from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Monday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.. MEMORIALS may be directed to the Sam McClaren Memorial Fund. Samuel Russell was born on January 05, 1918 in Sullivan County, Missouri, the son of Luther Clarence & Alma Ellen (Garrett) McClaren.

He was raised in Regar, Missouri until his father's death when his mother moved the family to Marshalltown. He graduated from the Marshalltown High School in 1937. Following graduation, he became a musician at a local radio station. Sam married Thelma Mowery and they had three children. He started a band called "The Sons of Fun" where they traveled around playing for many years in dance halls and nightclubs. Sam & Thelma later divorced and he married Elma Reta Coffman, May 06, 1952 in Rockford, Illinois. Sam was employed by Marshall Manufacturing from 1937-1942 in Marshalltown and moved to Rockford, Illinois where he was employed by Barber Coleman Company from 1942 to 1977 when he retired. He returned to State Center in 1986. He was a former member of the Moose Lodge & Eagles in Rockford. Sam is survived by two sons: Sam & wife Elizabeth McClaren Jr., Clarksville, Tennessee and Dennis & wife Sherry McClaren, Rockford, Illinois; a daughter: Monya & husband Jack Bland, Denver, Colorado; a step-daughter: Sandra & husband John Gumaer, San Jose, California; three grandchildren: Debra & David Bland, Michelle McClaren and a step-grandson: Lewis Gumaer and a sister: Louise & husband Robert Bruce, Marshalltown, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Reta (March 1996); a grandson: Daniel Bland and a sister: Darlene Bodie.

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Interment followed in the Rose Hill Memorial gardens in Marshalltown. Memorials may be directed to the Sam McClaren Memorial Fund.



Further information can be found at [www.purseldavis.com](http://www.purseldavis.com).

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