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Doug Neitzel



Born: October 13, 1968

Died: February 07, 2004

Services will be held at: 1:30 P.M., on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Marshalltown. Interment will follow services in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Tama, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to the family in his name.

Visitation times are:

Doug was born on October 13, 1968 in Marshalltown, Iowa the son of David and Judy Mull Neitzel. He was a 1987 graduate of the Central Iowa Christian Academy in Marshalltown. Doug was united in marriage with Lara Pohle on September 5, 1992 at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Marshalltown. He enjoyed model cars and fireworks. Doug enjoyed skiing, and riding his four-wheeler. Doug was employed at Jensen Ford since 1989 in the body shop. Doug is survived by: wife: Lara Neitzel of Marshalltown; son:

Trevor Neitzel of Marshalltown; daughter: Chloe Neitzel father: David Neitzel of Tama; brother: Brian Neitzel of Tama; and several Aunts and Uncles. He was preceded in death by: his mother: Judy Neitzel and his grandparents

#### Odetha Dee Hackney

Born: July 05, 1915  
Died: February 08, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, February 12, at the Gifford Methodist Church. Burial will follow services at the East Lawn Memory Gardens in Eldora. Visitation times are: Wednesday, February 11 from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at the Biersborn Funeral Home in Union where the family will be present to greet friends from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be directed to her family.

Dee was born July 5, 1915 in Kellogg, Iowa the daughter of Jacob and Emma (Lightfoot) Mulbrook. Dee was raised and educated in the Newton, Iowa area. Dee was united in marriage to Rex Rayford Hackney in Marshalltown, Iowa on April 1, 1933. They lived in Newton, Ames, and Clemons before settling in Gifford. Dee enjoyed antiques and built her own antique business. Dee was a member of the Gifford Methodist Church and was a member of the Gifford Card Club. Dee is survived by her three sons: Norman (Carol) Hackney of Eldora, Gail (Kathleen) Hackney of Gifford and Ronald Hackney of Gifford. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Dee was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Rex in July of 1982, an infant son, her five brothers and her six sisters.

#### Angela Clement



Born: May 10, 1971  
Died: February 08, 2004

Services will be held at: Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 A.M., on Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at the Salvation Army Citadel. Cremation will follow services in the Pursel-Davis Crematory and burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation times are: A visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 10th from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. 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 Salvation Army, C.I.R.S.I. House and the Prader-Willie Association.

Angela Clement was born on May 10, 1971 in Marshalltown Iowa. Angela was born with the rare Prader-Willie Syndrome. She attended West Marshall Schools and graduated from Marshalltown High School. She was an Officer in the Salvation Army and a member of the Salvation Army Church. She loved to volunteer her time and energy to help others at the Home League Library, local nursing homes, local Schools and the Public Library. Angela enjoyed babysitting, crocheting and bowling on Friday nights. Angela admired and deeply loved her family whom she will be greatly missed and forever remembered. Angela Clement is survived by: mother: Karen Clement of Marshalltown, Father: Danny (Lana) Clement of Rhodes; brother: Larry (Deb) Clement of Union; brother: Rodney (Tera) Clement of Rhodes; sister: Katie Clement of Rhodes; brother: Stephen Clement of Rhodes; grandmother: Tillie Raney of Rhodes; grandmother: Dorothy Clement of Rhodes; nieces: Ashley, Kassy, Hannah Clement, Moriah and Sara Manacke, nephews: Travis and Hunter Clement, and her two dogs: Bandit and Hershey. She was preceded in death by: grandfathers; Jiggs Raney and Kenneth Clement and a niece: Rachel Manecke.

Beulah Elliott



Born: April 03, 1916  
Died: February 09, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at the Elim Lutheran Church.

Visitation times are: Friday, February 13, 2004 from 5:00 P.M to 9:00 P.M. at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will be present to greet friends from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be directed to her family.

Beulah Grace Elliott was born on April 3, 1916 in Randall, Iowa, the daughter of Gerhard C. and Leona Arney Ness. She graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1936. Beulah formerly worked as a cook at Mercy Hospital and later at the Lennox Aire Flo Inn. She will always be remembered for her kringla and apple pies. She was a mother to many nieces and nephews and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Beulah is survived by her son: Edward (Dori) Vaughan, of Lino Lakes, Minnesota, daughter: Susan (Allan) Wilcox, of Anamosa, five grandchildren: Julie (Brian) Bernier, Jim (Kelly) Vaughan, Mike Vaughan, Jennifer Schuster, and Jeff Wilcox; three great-grandchildren: Darren Ward and Jack & Bradley Bernier; brother Ronald (Ellie) Ness, of Port Charlotte, Florida; sister Sharon (Marion) Arment of Marshalltown, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands James Vaughan in 1953 and LeRoy Elliott in 1996, and eleven brothers and sisters.

Ben Rash

Born: November 05, 1915

Died: February 09, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:30 A.M. on Friday, February 13, 2004 at the Biersborn Funeral Home in Union. Burial will follow services at the Honey Creek Cemetery. Visitation times are: 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12 at Biersborn Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed in Ben's name to his family.

Ben was born November 5, 1915 in rural New Providence the son of Art and Myrtle (Rhodes) Rash. He was raised and educated in rural New Providence and received his education at the New Providence Country School. Following his education Ben went to work on his family farm where he farmed his entire life. Ben was an avid coon hunter and raised several state champions as well as one world champion coon hound. Ben was a member of the Marshalltown Coon Hunters Association where he served as a judge. Ben is survived by his sister-in-law Vail of New Providence and numerous nieces and nephews. Ben was preceded in death by his parents Art and Myrtle, his sister Arlene Gattelle and his brothers Dale, Harold and Eugene.

Helene Brown



Born: January 08, 1916  
Died: February 10, 2004

Services will be held at: 11:30 A.M., on Saturday, February 14, 2004, at Riverside Cemetery. Burial will follow services in the Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown. Visitation times are: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.. Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

Helene was born on January 8, 1916 in State Center Iowa, the daughter of Alfred LeRoy and Della Jane Landon Maynard. She attended State Center Schools. Helene became a tap dancer with the "Tobi and Suzie Shows." She traveled the country and met her husband: Donald S. Brown. They were united in marriage on March 28, 1934 in Sherman, Texas. Helene then traveled with her husbands family band the "Blue Ridge Mountaineers". They returned to Marshalltown and later moved to Eldora. In Eldora, Helene and Donald both worked at the Iowa Training School for Boys in Eldora. Helene enjoyed attending church and walking. Helene is survived by: daughter: Toni (Richard) Yohn of Marshalltown, daughter: Joan Hale of Des Moines; daughter: Jean (LaVerne) Towle of Memphis; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, sister: Lila Klar of Marshalltown. She was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband: Donald Brown, one brother: Francis Maynard and a great granddaughter: Ashley Yohn.

Dorothy Helm



Born: May 20, 1918  
Died: February 11, 2004

Services will be held at: 2:00 P.M., on Saturday, February 14, 2004, at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Marshalltown.

Visitation times are: 12:00 noon until service time on Saturday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Memorials may be directed to the family in her name.

Dorothy was born on May 20, 1918 in rural Liscomb Iowa, the daughter of Bert and Mabel Avey Schiebel. She was a 1936 graduate of the Liscomb High School. She attended nurses training for two years at the Deaconess Evangelical School of Nurses in Marshalltown. Dorothy was united in marriage to John F. Helm on May 11, 1938 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Dorothy was a loving mother and homemaker who lived in Marshalltown since 1936. She was a member of the Central Christian Church, The Womens Fellowship Circle, Tularcul Womens Club, Hospital Auxillary, Garden Club and Meals on Wheels. Dorothy enjoyed cross stitching and loved watching Hawkeye basketball and football. Dorothy is survived by: daughter: Kathy (Ross) Dunsmoor of Winona, Minnesota; daughter: Melanie Ann Helm of Washington, D.C.; son: John (Judy) Helm of Corpus Christi, Texas; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one brother: Darrel (Verna) Schiebel of Conrad, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: parents, husband John Helm on August 31, 1983 and one daughter: Rochelle Helm.

Raymond Shawstad

Born: March 17, 1931  
Died: February 12, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:30 A.M., on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at the Salvation Army Citadel. Burial will follow services in the Laurel Methodist Cemetery in Laurel.

Visitation times are: 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the Salvation Army.

Raymond Shawstad was born on March 17, 1931 in Brainerd, Minnesota, the son of Gerhard (Bob) and Ruth Hammond Shawstad. He was a graduate from the Marshalltown High School in 1949. He studied at the Marshalltown Junior College, West Coast University, UCLA extension, The Free Enterprise Institute, and Kingsway Christian College. He held a Certified Data Processor rating and the Professional designation in systems and procedures. In California he was a software programmer for San Bernadino County and since from 1965, for Sunkist Growers Inc. retireing in 1992. He taught advanced programming at UCLA Extension, and was editor of the VM Notebook for GUIDE International for ten years. Information interest memberships were: Association for Computing Machinery, Data Processing Management Association of America, American Mathmatical Society, and New York Academy of Science. Raymond served in the Iowa National Guard 1948 - 1957 and the United States Army Reserve until 1963, advancing throug grades to First Lt. His military support was with the American Legion # 635 of Laurel, Association of the US Army, Life member of the Reserve Officers Association, Life member of the American Defense Preparedness Association, and Life Associate Member of the US Naval Institute. Raymond was a member of the Salvation Army, Kiwanis, and Toastmasters. He was a musician with Project Caring and a bedside music therapist in VA Hospitals & Iowa Vetrans Home from 1984-1996. He was united in marriage with Dora A. Campbell on December 21, 1952 in Laurel, Iowa. Raymond Shawstad is survived by: brother: Dale Ostendorf of Utah; sister: Janet Freerksen of Federal Way, Washington; sister: Marilyn Rogen of Federal Way, Washington, sister-in-law: Jean (Clarence) Carlson of Ogden, Iowa, sister-in-law: Lucile Campbell of Laurel, brother-in-law: Dale (Myrtle) Campbell of Newton, brother-in-law: Fred (Barbara) Campbell of Upland, California, brother-in-law: Floyd (Marilyn) Campbell of Tama, brother-in-law: Les (Norma) Campbell of Ames, brothers-in-law: David E. Campbell and William Campbell of Marshalltown as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his parents and his wife: Dora Shawstad.

Barbara Freese



Born: February 13, 1937  
Died: February 13, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:30 A.M., on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in State Center, Iowa. Burial will follow services in the St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Visitation times are: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where the family will be present from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. A Rosary will be held at 6:45 P.M. and a Prayer Vigil will be held at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Memorials may be directed to the family in her name.

Barbara was born on February 13, 1937 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of George H. and Josephine Kutter Nowlan. She was a 1955 graduate of Colo High School. Barbara was united in marriage with LaVerne R. Freese on August 2, 1958 in Colo, Iowa. She attended the Mercy School of Nursing in Marshalltown and graduated in 1958. She worked in Marshalltown Hospitals from the time of graduation until retirement in 1996. After retiring she continued to care for others with her nursing skills, especially the elderly. Barbara was known as a great cook and enjoyed gardening. Her faith was very important to her, she regularly attended mass. Barbara and LaVerne enjoyed driving to see their family in California and Texas. Barbara was a devoted wife and mother who dearly loved her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Barbara Freese is survived by: husband: LaVerne Freese of State Center, Iowa; daughter: Mary (Tom) Wertzberger of Marshalltown; daughter: Verna (Jeff) Sharer of Van Alstyne, Texas; son: Robert (Betsy) Freese of Indianola, Iowa; daughter: Rose (Randall) Carroll of Fountain Valley, California; daughter: Carolyn (Anthony) Hardesty of Redondo Beach, California; brother: George (Marty) Nowlan of Cedar Rapids; sister: Lois (Glen) Damman of Melbourne, Iowa; grandchildren: Ben (Vivian) Wertzberger, PFC Christopher Wertzberger, Brittany Wertzberger, Jenna Sharer, Rachel Sharer, Nowlan Freese, Warren Freese, Caroline Freese, Emma Carroll, Graham Carroll and Claire Hardesty; great



grandchildren: Ethan and Paige Wertzberger. She was preceded in death by her parents: an infant brother and sister.

Keith Springer

Born: October 15, 1913

Died: February 17, 2004

Services will be held at: pending at this time

Visitation times are: pending at this time

Betty Tychsen

Born: June 30, 1933

Died: February 18, 2004

Services will be held at: are not planned at this time.

Visitation times are: not planned at this time.