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Wayne Nilus Oliver

Oct.21, 1913 to Jan. 3, 2005

Wayne Nilus Oliver peacefully slipped away from this life in the late evening hours of Monday January 3, 2005 at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines. His intense love of family, outgoing personality, keen sense of humor, optimistic outlook on life and fierce determination will be missed by all who knew him over the past nine decades.

Wayne was born on October 21, 1913 in Dumont, Iowa to Bruce H. and Emma V. (McTaggart) Oliver. He was a 1932 graduate of Chapin High School and served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II. He married his life's companion, Mildred A. Roberts on September 16, 1936. One of his proudest accomplishments was co-owning and operating Wayne's Western Auto Store in Nevada for over 30 years with his wife, Millie. After retiring from Western Auto, Wayne worked for various businesses in Nevada. He was a member of the Memorial Lutheran Church while in Nevada. In 1999, Wayne and Millie moved from their beloved Nevada home to Mercy Park in Des Moines, until their admission to Trinity Center at Luther Park in 2004.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred (Millie) Oliver of Luther Park and 2 sons, Curtiss (Darlene) Oliver of Des Moines and Keith (Sharon) Oliver of Cambridge. Seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 7 at 11:00 AM at the Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada with Pastor Myron D. Herzberg officiating. Burial, with military rites, will follow in the Nevada Municipal Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

A memorial fund has been established at the Memorial Lutheran Church, 701 11th Street, Nevada, IA 50201.

Chet Ryan Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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