
Obituaries

Melvin Perry, 72

Melvin Perry, 72, of 3202 S. 12th St., former longtime LeGrand resident, died peacefully at 5:50 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Estel-Perrin-Avey Chapel with Pastor Conrad Lundberg of the 1st Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Benson Cemetery at Whitten. Friends may call at the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home after 4 p.m. on Tuesday. The family will be present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Melvin was born on Aug. 18, 1928, in State Center, Iowa, the eldest son born to Newton and Margaret Williams Perry. He received his education in the Marshalltown Schools.

On May 3, 1946, he was united in marriage to Edith Sisson at the home of the Chaplain of the Iowa Veterans Home. They have resided all their married lives together in the Marshalltown and LeGrand

communities. They moved from LeGrand this past September to their mobile home in Sunset Trailer Park. Mel was employed in Marshalltown as a foundry worker and then from Strand Bakery and Diamond Paints. He retired from Lennox Industries in 1990 after 20 years of faithful service. Mel will also be fondly remembered as owner and operator of Mel's Mower Repair in LeGrand for over 35 years.

Mr. Perry was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Tama and the Loyal Order of the Moose in Marshalltown.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 55 years, Edith, who resides at their home in Marshalltown; five sons: Dennis (Chris) Perry, of Tama; Kenneth (Eldora) Perry, of Marshalltown; Delwin (Kathie) Perry, of LeGrand; Alan Perry, of Marshalltown; and Ace (Barb) Perry of Marshalltown. Also surviving him are nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two brothers: Harold (Elda) Perry, of Toledo, and John Perry, of Marshalltown.

Gone on before Mel were his grandson Richard and great-grandson Kelly.

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Casket bearers were Ed Backoff, Omar Manship, Jack Long, Dean Crookshank, Vern Crookshank and Garol Cooling. Honorary bearers were Ron Good, Clifford Peak, Marvin Lynch, Mike Hofer, Jerry Stanton, Bob Scovill and Laverne Bear.

Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.