

June 10, 2004

Ernest M. Schaeffer

Nov. 29, 1919 to June 5, 2004

Ernest M. Schaeffer, 84, of Ames, died on Saturday, June 5 at The Madrid Home. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 9 at St. Cecilia Church in Ames. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Nevada.

He was born on Nov. 29, 1919 to Ernest H. and Katherine Bauer Schaeffer in Pierson. He graduated from Pierson High School. He was in the U.S. Air Force and served in WWII. He farmed at Pierson and Nevada, retiring in 1978 and continued to work at Ames Best Hybrids in Napier. He was a member of the VFW, St. Cecilia's Church and the Knights of Columbus. He had a big interest in vegetable gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of Ames; a son, Ernest L., of Ames; two daughters, Katherine (and John) Romitti, of Madrid and Jo Ann (and Randy) Kalkwarf, of Madrid; two sisters, Hilda Dragoo and Hulda Anfinson, both of Pierson; four grandchildren, Kaitlyn Romitti, Melissa Kalkwarf, Kristina Kalkwarf, and Jacob Kalkwarf.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Ann and Margaret; and his parents. Sundberg-Kirkpatrick Funeral Home, Madrid, handled arrangements.

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