

FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES...



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a.m. Thursday, March 25 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center with Pastor Gary MacManus officiating, and was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery at State Center.

Born on February 22, 1919, in rural State Center, he was one of six children born to William C. and Amanda (Damman) Severidt. He attended school in the area of his birth and graduated from the Rhodes High School's Class of 1937. On January 16, 1943, he was united in marriage to Lucile Townsend and in 1944 they began farming on the place where he grew up. For several years, George worked on the side for his brother-in-law Loren Hardenburgh and brother Earl doing carpentry work. He and his wife Lucile farmed until 1975 when they decided to do carpentry work and building additions as well as other projects. In later years, he made toys for family and friends as well as the Salvation Army. George was a lifetime member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, served on the church board, the country school board as president and the township ASC committee. He was a charter member of the Lincoln Valley Golf Course and will be fondly remembered for his love of family and friends.

Left to celebrate his life are his beloved wife of 61 years Lucile; his son, Jerry (Barb) of Elizabeth, Co, and daughter, Joan (Bob) Haskell of State Center; his grandchildren, Mark (Brenda) Haskell, Lisa (Norm) Lammey, Melissa Haskell and Julie Severidt; three great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren; his only sister, Edith Mahlow and only surviving brother, Don (Eloise) Severidt, all of State Center; stepsister, Hope Riese of Marshalltown; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends. In death he has rejoined his parents and brothers, Glen, Harold and Earl.

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