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FRANCIS H. THOMPSON
Nevada



Francis Herbert Thompson, 80, died Monday, October 13, 2003 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames. Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Maxwell Area Community Center, with Rev.

Tom Lee officiating. Burial will be in the Woodland Cemetery in Iowa Center, Iowa. Visitation with the family will be 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell. Memorials may be made to the Francis H. Thompson Memorial Fund.

Francis was born February 15, 1923 near McCallsburg, Iowa the son of Torres and Josephine (Brekke) Thompson. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church in McCallsburg. In 1941, he graduated from McCallsburg High School. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Post # 334 of McCallsburg for over 50 years and was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8174 of Maxwell where he had been a past commander.

He married Helen Harrison on June 18, 1950 in Maxwell. They lived in Roland until moving to the farm east of Maxwell in 1952. Francis farmed until becoming a full time union carpenter. He had worked in the Ames area, particularly on such buildings as the Veterinary Med Complex, United States Animal Disease Lab and many other buildings on the ISU Campus. In 1974 they moved to an acreage in Iowa Center and remodeled the barn into a home. Francis enjoyed working in the lawn and named the acreage "Oakview Acres." In 2001, Francis and Helen moved to Nevada, Iowa. Francis enjoyed his and Helen's retirement years spent at their home in Apache Junction, AZ.

He is survived by his wife, Helen of Nevada; his daughters, Kay Ramer of Big Rapids, MI, and Karla (Todd) Jones of Monroe, IA; a son, Kevin (Stephani) Thompson; daughter-in-law, Tina Thompson; eleven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and a brother and sister-in-law, Herman and Naomi Thompson of Ottumwa, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Keith Thompson in 1998; four brothers; and four sisters.