

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Veren, 81

Kenneth Veren, 81, State Center, died Saturday, April 13 at the State Center Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. His death came peacefully at 3:54 p.m. with his loving family by his side.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 17 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center with Pastor Ron Darge officiating. He was then laid to rest with military honors by the Harlan G. Pfantz Post #122 in the Hillside Cemetery. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home of State Center has been entrusted with his final arrangements.

Kenneth was born on March 9, 1921 on his families' farm at State Center, one of two sons born to Arthur and Mabel (Funke) Veren. He received his education in the area of his birth and graduated from State Center High School's class of 1938. Kenneth became a baptized member of St. Paul on April 24, 1921 and confirmed member on June 14, 1936.

In school he met Etheleen German, the daughter of Lorenz and Aleta German. The two were engaged and later married on Sept. 26, 1943 at the St. John Lutheran Church at State Center. On Dec. 8, 1944, he entered the United States Army and received his honorable discharge on Nov. 1, 1946, as Staff Sergeant after serving in the

Philippines. He returned home to his wife and they farmed near State Center until retiring and moving into town in 1976. He enjoyed helping out his son Ron on a daily basis on the farm up to the time of his death.

Kenneth will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather who was a born farmer and was a lifetime member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church family, and member of the Harlan G. Pfantz American Legion Post #122, the 40 and 8 and the Mid Iowa Antique Power Association.

Left to mourn his death are his loving wife of 58 years, Etheleen, one son Ronald (Dona) Veren of State Center and two daughters: Linda (the late Robert H.) Good of Zeiring and Sherill (Larry) Aldridge of Indianola, seven dear grandchildren and three step-grandchildren: Lisa Green, Sara McMorran, Holly, Meredith and Matthew Good, Shannon Heinisch, Susanne Goering and Wendy Gehringer. Laura Brewer and Casey Aldridge, nine precious great-grandchildren: Clayton, Madeline, Abigail, Colby, Lane, Courtney, Colby, Cael and Allison, and his only brother, Donald (Ann) of Pensacola, FL.

In death he has rejoined his parents, his son-in-law Robert H. Good and granddaughter Miranda.