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Karl Herman Vircks



Born: 2/23/1922

Died: 2/15/2003

Services will be held at: 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2003 at Our Savior
Lutheran Church

Visitation times are: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Karl Herman Vircks, 80, of 506 Sunset Lane, Marshalltown, Iowa, died Saturday, February 15, 2003 at the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center. Following cremation at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2003, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marshalltown, Iowa with Reverend William Spencer officiating and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2003 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona, Wisconsin. ENTOMBMENT will follow in Rose Lawn Memorial Park, Monona, Wisconsin. Friends may call for VISITATION from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. MEMORIALS may be directed to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marshalltown or St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Monona, Wisconsin.

Karl was born March 23, 1922, in Athens, Wisconsin, the son of Otto and Frieda (Scherz) Vircks. After graduating from Athens High School in 1940, he studied machine shop technology at Wausau Vocational School, Wausau, Wisconsin and worked at Hammerblow Tool and D.J. Murray Companies in Wausau. Karl is an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, having served in the United States, Italy, and Germany from 1942-1946. He trained units in camouflage techniques and airplane mechanics. On July 11, 1946 he married Dorothy Jean Benson in Fremont, Nebraska. Karl received his Bachelor's Degree in sociology in 1950 and his Master's Degree in social work in 1952 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. Karl worked for the State of Wisconsin Department of Social Services from 1952 until his retirement in 1983. He started as a probation and parole agent in Richland Center, Wisconsin until 1958, when he took a supervisory position in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin. In 1966, Karl advanced to Assistant to the Chief of Probation and Parole in Madison. In 1968 Karl advanced to the position of juvenile specialist, which included management of Wisconsin's foster home and halfway house network, as well as purchase of services. In 1991 Karl and Jean moved to Marshalltown, Iowa to live near their son's family. Karl had been active in vocal music throughout his life, singing in choirs, barbershop quartets and choruses. He sang in church choirs in Richland Center, Fon du Lac and Monona, Wisconsin, and at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was an active member of SPEBSQSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America) for over fifty years, and sang in numerous barbershop quartet programs and competitions. He sang with the Hartsmen professional men's chorus of Michigan City, Indiana for seventeen years. He is survived by his wife Jean Vircks, daughters: Linda De Rungs and her husband William Thompson, of Louisville, Kentucky and Karen and her husband Theodore Encinas, of Yorba Linda, California, son Bruce and his wife Jan Vircks, of Marshalltown, and two granddaughters Laura and Regan. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Fredrick.