

OBITUARIES

Claire M. Ziemke, 78

Mr. Claire M. Ziemke, 78, Marshalltown, died early Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004 at the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center.

Funeral services and a celebration of his life was held Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church with Pastor Daniel Johnson officiating. He was laid to rest in the Marietta Cemetery. Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born on Aug. 2, 1925 at Hubbard, he was the son of John and Laura (Ziebell) Ziemke. He received his education in the area of his birth.

On Dec. 19, 1948, he was united in marriage to Shirley Nichols in Clemons. They made their home on a farm near Hubbard until moving to a farm near Clemons in 1962. In

1967, they moved to State Center where he worked for Walnut Grove and drove school bus for West Marshall Schools for nearly 20 years. In 1992, they moved to Marshalltown where he was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church and the Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Shirley, three sons: Craig of Marshalltown; Gary (Kay) of Keokuk; and Kenny (Joan) of Marshalltown; six grandchildren: Andrew and Todd Ziemke, Megan Ziemke at Iowa State; Michelle Ziemke of Keokuk and Jason and Joanna Dobyns of Marshalltown, and his only sister LaVonne Hamler of Knoxville, as well as a host of friends.

In death he rejoins his parents.