Herbert J. Haas

Sept. 15, 1921 - Oct. 8, 1999

Herbert J. Haas, 78, of Des Moines, died Friday of heart failure at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Rhodes United Methodist Church in Rhodes, with the Rev. Kai Manimoi officiating. Burial will be in the Eden Cemetery in Rhodes.

Herbert J. Haas was born Sept. 15, 1921 in Rhodes, the son of Edwin “Dick” and Frances (Pester) Haas. He was raised in Rhodes, where he attended the Rhodes and Collins school systems. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1939. He received a bachelor’s degree from Upper Iowa University, and later received his master’s degree from Drake University. He also took additional classes at the University of Iowa. He was a veteran of WWII, serving with the Army Medical Corps from September 1942 to January 1946. He married Betty B. Wallace on May 22, 1943, in Rhodes. He was an educator, working as a high school principal in the communities of Fayette, Stewart, Brooklyn, and most recently, Oelwein. He also had sold real estate, was a Fayette County supervisor, a plant superintendent at ABCO Engineering Corporation in Oelwein, and managed Oelwein Senior Citizens Housing. He was a lifetime member and past president of Iowa Retired Teachers, lifetime member of Seretoma Club, commissioner of the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs (local, state & national), Ross Reid Post No. 9 of the American Legion, and a member of the Rhodes United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Cynthia Harlan of Des Moines and Deborah Miller of Ames; two sisters, Marie Keseberg of Anamosa and Jeannette Pinck of Des Moines; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 tonight at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home and Crematory in Marshalltown, with family present from 5 to 7 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established in his name.

Pursel-Davis Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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