HAROLD HALE
Collins

Harold Hale of Collins, 86, died Monday, February 2, 2009, after a lengthy battle with pulmonary disease.

Harold was born in Collins on September 24, 1922. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army, having served in World War II in the European theatre. Prior to his retirement, he was the owner-operator of Hale’s Grain Elevator in Collins.

Harold married the love of his life, Norene Oswalt, on August 2, 1942, at the United Methodist Church in Collins. They shared 66 wonderful years together, displaying uncommon love and affection for each other on a daily basis.

Harold was a man who served others in many ways; through his work, his friendships, his commitment to his community, the many kindnesses he displayed to friends and acquaintances, his sense of humor and his 13 years of service on the Story County Hospital Board. His most important service was to his family as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was a man of many gifts, among them being his love of children and his ability to make each and every one smile and laugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Viola; and by a sister, Maude.

He is survived by his wife Norene; sons Jim (Linda) of Clive; John (Terri) of Ankeny; and daughter Judy of West Des Moines; four grandchildren, Tracy Jagim (Mike) of Waukee; Jeff Hale (Megan) of Sussex, Wisconsin; Kimberly Hale (Trevor Gooch) of Brooklyn, New York; Kristen Geisler (Mike) of Des Moines; and seven great-grandchildren, Alex, Mikaela, Tanner, and Keegan Jagim, Sydney and Maren Hale, and Eli Geisler; and a niece, Joan Maher of San Diego California.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, February 5, at the United Methodist Church in Collins. A Funeral Service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, February 6, at the United Methodist Church. Memorials may be left to Collins Little League Baseball.

The family would like to thank the staff and doctors of the Story County Hospital in Nevada for their outstanding care of Harold for over 50 years. Special thanks to Dr. Arthur Check and Nurse Nancy Klemme for their compassion and concern.

Fredregill Funeral Home of Collins is in charge of arrangements.
Mr. Harold Hale, 88, Collins

Mr. Harold Hale, 88, of Collins Iowa, passed away Monday, February 2, 2009, at the Hospice House of Central Iowa in Des Moines, Iowa. Visitation was held Thursday evening, February 5, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Collins United Methodist Church in Collins, Iowa. Funeral services were held Friday, February 6, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the Collins United Methodist Church with interment in the Evergreen cemetery in Collins, Iowa.

The Fredregill Funderal Home, Collins, Iowa, is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Circles Hold February Meetings

"Daniel: Thrown to the Lions" was the Bible study topic for all three circles of St. Paul Lutheran Church this month. By contrasting Belshazzar and Daniel, we gain insight into different ways of journeying through life, one way self-centered, the other demonstrating loyalty and faith in God.

Dona Veren served as Bible study leader and hostess for seven members of Morning Circle on Monday, February 2 at 9:00 a.m. Several thank you notes were read, and Dona reminded the group that the bulletin board will be their responsibility through April.

A group of six members and two guests gathered for Evening Circle on Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. The lesson was led by Karen Hilleman. President Judy Mahlow led discussion on upcoming events and noted that the circle will be recruiting greeters for the next three months. For growth and community, Shirley Southard read a story about Valentines. Sam and Jed Edler from the State Center 4-H club helped with the January 24 Manor bingo party. Back in November the helpers were Kaitlyn and Austin Nichols and Kiessman and Alexander Halbloom. The 4-H help is greatly appreciated.

Afternoon Circle met on Wednesday, February 4, at 1:30 p.m. with Helen Wendel serving as Bible study leader for the the twelve members present. Jan Paper shared an item from God’s Little Devotion Book for growth, and for action, Janie Pfantz read an article from “Monthly Offering Devotions”. New President, Helen Wendel, reminded that the afternoon circle will handle the Manor birthday bingo parties in February, March, and April. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Janie Pfantz.

Announcements for all to remember are World Day of Prayer at St. Paul on Friday, March 6 with coffee beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the service at 10:00. Sign up on the service desk to provide treats. Our church is doing Mobile Meals in March, and volunteers are needed to sign up on the sheet provided.