LEONARD "JAKE" PURK,
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TAMA—Leonard "Jake" Allison Purk, age 73, of Tama, died Wednesday morning, November 7, 2007 at Grandview Acres in Toledo due to a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at 11:00 AM at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with Pastor Dewey Grimes officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Tama.

Jake was born on April 14, 1934 in Tama, the son of Harvey and Catherine (Birkey) Purk. He attended Tama County Schools. Jake was an entrepreneur of many trades. In December 1952, he was united in marriage to Donna Smith. Jake loved coon hunting and playing his keyboard for the public and special events. He also enjoyed going to the casino. His greatest joy was spending time with his family,

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Donna; two sons, Frank and Max Purk; one daughter, Peggy Purk; and one brother, Bill Purk.

Survivors include his children, Beverly A. (Larry) Blocker of Tama, Michael A. (Nancy) Purk of Toledo, Charles H. (Becky) Purk of Tama, Luke A. Purk of Tama, Tait O. Purk of Tama, Sally L. (Tracy) Catherwood of Tama, Alfred E. (Linda) Purk of Tama, Joe W. Purk of Tama, and Clyde A. (Bonnie) Purk of Tama; twenty-seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; one brother, Bob (Dolly) Purk of Belle Plaine; several cousins, nieces, nephews, and distant relatives; and a special friend Nellie.

A memorial fund has been established.

WILLIAM L. PAPESH SR. 58
TAMA—William L. "Punky" Papesh Sr., age 58, of Marshalltown and formerly of Tama, died on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at the VA Medical Center in Iowa City due to a short illness. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with Pastor Dewey Grimes officiating. Interment will be private. A memorial visitation will be Monday, November 12, 2007 from 5-8 PM at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama.


William was a member of the VFW and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Tama. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and one brother, Robert Papesh.

Survivors include two daughters, Betsy (Curt) Sawyer of Montour and Brandi (Jose) Oaxaca of Tama; one son, B.J. Papesh of Tama; two grandsons, Josh and Alex; two sisters, Beverly Crawford of Tama and Barbara (Kenneth) Coye of Newton; two brothers, Brian (Janice) Papesh of Conifer, CO and Barry (Terri Lynn) Papesh of Tama.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.
Richard Dean Lifer was born on April 13, 1942, in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He graduated from Marshalltown High School. He served proudly in the Army for two years and was stationed in Hawaii. Dick had worked at Lennox for over 35 years and was planning his retirement for September of 2008. He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed trout fishing and snowmobiling.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Phyllis (Dolesy) Relyea; siblings, Arvid Lifer Jr., Linda Lifer-Hurley, Rick A. Relyea and Tamara Relyea. Nieces and nephews, Lori (Lifer) Erickson, Lisa Lifer-Murphy, Scott Lifer, Kellie Peterson and six great nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his father Arvid Lifer, Sr.

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VERLIN McALLISTER, 72
Verlin McAllister, 72, of Whitten, died Monday, November 5th, at the Mercy Hospital in Des Moines.

Funeral services celebrating Verlin’s life were held Friday, November 9th, at the Whitten Community Church in Whitten with Pastor Jim driving people to new places like the peony fields near Charles City or the tulip gardens at Pella. He truly was a friend to all.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 48 years, Donnavee; his three children, Debbie (Kevin) Cassens of Vancouver, Washington, Carla (Gene) Cummins of Whitten and Monty (Donna) McAllister of Eldora; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

In death he has rejoined his parents and infant sister.

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Sister ministered as a teacher in the Iowa cities of Temple Hill, Keota, Sioux City, Petersburg, St. Catherine, Mapleton, Remsen, New Vienna, Ossian, and Jesup and in the Illinois cities of Melrose Park and Hazel Crest. She also ministered in Dubuque at Mary of the Angels, Mount St. Francis, and Holy Family Hall.

Sister is survived by her sisters, Sr. Christella, Caroline (Elmer), and Annabelle (Glen); her brothers, Richard (Rosalene), Harold (Irene), Ronald (Cheryl), and William (Priscilla); her brothers-in-law, Clarence and Jim: her sister-in-law, Gwen; and her Franciscan sisters with whom she shared 66 years of her life.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Isabelle and Mary Anne; and her brothers, Harlan (Mary Lou), Jerome, and Paul.

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