

James Hildreth, age 82, of Alta, Iowa, formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Newell Good Samaritan Center in Newell, Iowa.

James W. Hildreth was born October 7, 1926, the son of Chris and Adena B. (Barkmeier) Hildreth in Lohrville, Iowa. He received his education in the Lohrville School system.

On January 9, 1945, James entered into service to his country in the United States Marine Corp at Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He served in the following Theaters of Operation: Pearl Harbor, Guam and Occupation of China before being honorably discharged on October 22, 1946.

On February 16, 1947, James was united in marriage to Vivian Hayes at the United Methodist Church in Rockwell City, Iowa. They were blessed with five children: Ron, Cal, Jeff, Lori and Scott.

James was baptized and confirmed at Rinard Methodist Church. He was a member of the Storm Lake United Methodist Church.

Over the years, James worked as a blacksmith. He was a member of the Truesdale Fire Department and the Alta V.F.W. He loved horses and farm livestock and took pride in raising hogs. In addition, James was a great handyman and welder. Above all, he loved his family and cherished the time they spent together.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 61 years, Vivian Hildreth of Alta; his children: Ron J. (Karolyn) Hildreth of Alta; Cal W. (Cindy) Hildreth of Alta; Lori A. (Allan) Nordine of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Scott J. (Joanna) Hildreth of Jewell, Iowa; grandchildren: Shaun Hildreth, Sonya Stimetz, Heather Hildreth, Erin Molgaard, Casey Hildreth, Brandon, Kyle and Megan Nordine, Jamie and Kelsey Hildreth; great grandchildren: Tori Stimetz and Jayden Hildreth-Hartman; two brothers, Chet (Eleanor) Hildreth of Arizona and Boyd Hildreth of California; two sisters: Marlene (Ted) Stacy of Rockwell City, Iowa and Pauline Carlson of Gowrie, Iowa; and other extended family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents and son, Jeff.

In Loving Memory



James W. Hildreth

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The Coming of the Lord

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage each other with these words.

— 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses shown to our family and for taking the time to celebrate James' life with us. You are invited to join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

 **The Hildreth Family**

IN MEMORY OF

James W. Hildreth

October 7, 1926  October 25, 2008

Funeral Service

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Alta, Iowa

Clergy

Pastor Terry Pollard

Organist

Randall Ericksen

Congregational Hymns

“In The Garden”

“How Great Thou Art”

Casket Bearers

Wayne Sump, Brandon Nordine, Kyle Nordine

Russell Eddie, Kim Courter, Dwayne Kay

Interment

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, Iowa



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