

In Loving Memory

LeRoy T. "Buck" Fitchett

December 16, 1917 — January 20, 2008

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church
Newell, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend David Schumann

MUSIC

Donna Larsen, Organist

Dale Arends, Soloist
"How Great Thou Art"
"Going Home"

Congregational Singing
"Beyond The Sunset"
"Good Night And Good Morning"

CASKETBEARERS

David Waterman, Wilbur Fitchett
Kenneth Johnson, Marvin Dirks, Bart Putney

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Don Wise, Linda Nase, Nancy Peterson, Brian Wise, Jennifer Bennett
Alicia McDaneld, Sherry Langschwager, Penny Elder
Rachel Villicana, Sarah Purvis

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Karen Nehring — Verna Belle Bellows

INTERMENT

Newell Cemetery — Newell, Iowa

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A Farmer's Hands

Hands that are large and tough from many years of rugged, outdoor work. Hands with fingers sensitive to music, but too thick to strike just one key on the piano, or a single string on a violin. Hands that are versatile, simultaneously wielding an ax and swiping a fistful of pinch berries from a nearby bush. Hands that clasp themselves habitually in prayer, giving thanks for food, for rain, for sun, for late frosts, early springs, good yield, for soil, for health, for a newborn calf. Hands that are strong, squeezing out a pail full of milk in just no time, pulling strands of barbed wire taut, carrying mountains of hay and oceans of water to hungry, thirsty farm creatures. Hands that are gentle, marveling at the softness of a furry kitten, rescuing a killdeer's nest from the path of the plow, patting the shoulder of a disappointed child. Hands that are inventive, twisting, pounding, pinching, until a machine is fixed, shaping an idea into something useful. Hands that are tired from over a half century of tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting. Hands that I loved, a farmer's hands—our father's.

— author unknown



*W*e wish to express our gratitude for your kindnesses, as evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the burial.

LeRoy's Family

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LeRoy T. Fitchett, age 90, of Newell, Iowa, died Sunday, January 20, 2008 at the Newell Good Samaritan Center.

LeRoy Thomas Fitchett was born on December 16, 1917 to Orson and Mary (Johnson) Fitchett in Coon Township in Buena Vista County, Iowa. He lived with his family on their farm outside Newell, where he attended country school and Sulphur Springs School. LeRoy was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Newell. He remained a lifelong and faithful member of the Newell United Methodist Church and served on the church council. LeRoy was also an active member of the Newell Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodge in Newell for 60 years. He was a member of the Iowa Farm Bureau for many years.

On December 28, 1938, LeRoy was united in marriage to Elnora Marie Just at the Methodist Parsonage in Storm Lake. Their union was blessed with two children: Beverly Kay and Barbara Mae. They made their home on a farm southeast of Newell.

LeRoy was a life-long farmer and enjoyed raising horses, cattle, and hogs. He retired from farming in 1990. For many years, he made an annual trip to Clay County Fair just to watch the horse shows. LeRoy and his wife Elnora had a catering business for 20 years and also ran the E & L Café in Newell for eight years. They enjoyed attending dances featuring the music of the Big Band Era.

LeRoy enjoyed the many visits by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He would regularly tell stories of his many escapades during his younger years and while working as a hired man.

LeRoy is survived by his two daughters: Beverly Morris of Milford and Barbara Helman of Laurel, Nebraska; ten grandchildren: Don Wise of Sioux City, Iowa; Linda (David) Nase of Milford, Iowa; Nancy (Jason) Peterson of Sutherland, Iowa; Brian (Ann) Wise of Newell; Jennifer (Dick) Bennett of Rembrandt, Alicia (Matthew) McDanel of El Dorado, Kansas, Sherry (Jason) Langschwager of Wayne, Nebraska; Penny (Keith) Elder of Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Rachel (Eddie) Villicana of Ocala, Florida; and Sarah (Wesley) Purvis of Duluth, Minnesota; 20 great-grandchildren: Jacob, Andrew, Daniel, and Heather Nase, Christopher Wise, Aaron Jansen, Cole and Corinne Wise, Paige and Marlayna Bennett, Emmaline, Dominic, Alexander, and Geneva McDanel, Samantha and Zaylor Langschwager, Luke, Dawson, and Hunter Elder, and Dana Purvis; three sisters: Fern Crowley of Storm Lake; Joyce Robbins of Alta, Iowa; and Pearl Marlatt of Newell; as well as many other family members and a host of friends.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Elnora; parents, Orson and Mary Fitchett; four grandchildren: Diane Wise, Julie Wise, Luke Helman, and Angela Helman; one son-in-law: David Helman; three sisters: Doris Waterman, Ruth Arends, and Jean Banks; one brother: Ivan Fitchett; one sister-in-law: Charlotte Fitchett; and six brothers-in-law: Walt Waterman, Vernon Arends, John Marlatt, Floyd Banks, Glen Crowley, and Don Robbins.

