

# Fourth Generation



**John Henry Heineman** (John (Johannes)<sup>s</sup> Heinemann, Johann Jost<sup>s</sup>, Johann Henrich<sup>r</sup>) was born in Keokuk, Iowa February 1, 1867 to John (Johannes) and Sophia (Paul) Heineman.

He married **Bertha Ann Burger** in Keokuk, Iowa, October 23, 1890.



**Bertha Ann Burger** (Carl August<sup>s</sup>) was born in Keokuk, Iowa September 20, 1867 to Carl August Burger and Johanna Christiana Hopp.



John H. and Bertha Heineman's Home  
1318 Timea Street, Keokuk, IA

John Henry died March 1, 1936 in Keokuk, Iowa, at 69 years of age.

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## **OBITUARY**

**J.H. HEINEMAN IS SUMMONED SUNDAY NIGHT**  
*Prominent Builder and Architect, Former Member of the School Board, and a Life Long Member of St. Paul Church Dies.*

*Keokuk today is mourning the death of J.H. Heineman, whose long career as a builder and architect made him one of the most important and substantial citizens of the community. His death occurred at St. Joseph's hospital last night at 10:45 o'clock following an extended period of ill health.*

*He was taken to the hospital a week ago today after having been in failing health for the last five or six months. He was 69 years old.*

### **With Carter Co.**

*A life-long resident of Keokuk, Mr. Heineman early entered upon the building and architectural career which he followed with such signal success for so many years, bringing to the business a mind of unusually high caliber and a character of unquestioned probity and rectitude.*

*For many years he was identified with the Carter Manufacturing Co., where he served as vice president and manager until the company was dissolved some years ago. Since that time he has been in business for himself.*

### **Active in Church**

*Aside from his business and his deep devotion to his home and family, his chief interest lay in the St. Paul Evangelical church, of which he was one of the most prominent members. His intelligent, farseeing guidance*

was a vital factor in both the spiritual and secular activities of that organization.

A life-time member, he has served on the board of the church for the last 20 years, and as a trustee for the last fifteen. He was also a teacher of the men's Bible class for years, and was a member of the General Council of the synod of Evangelical churches of North America.

#### **On School Board**

It was largely due to his efforts as a direct result of his planning, advice and supervision, that the church building was remodeled three years ago.

Mr. Heineman was also closely identified with the public school system of Keokuk, and for several years was a member of the school board. During his long term on the board he was chairman of the building committee in charge of the constructing of the old Lincoln school which was destroyed by fire in 1934. And when the new building was erected to replace it, he served as superintendent for the architect and built much of the furniture as well.

The son of John and Elizabeth Paul Heineman, he was born in Keokuk on February 1, 1867 and spent all of his life in this city.

#### **Funeral Wednesday**

On October 23, 1890, he married Bertha Burger. Three children were born to this union, all of whom survive him.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Arthur J., and Wilhelm A. Heineman, both of Keokuk, and John Henry, Jr., of Elkhart, Ind., a brother Henry W. Heineman of Columbus, Nebr., and three grandchildren. His father preceded him in death on July 30, 1906, and his mother on November 13, 1906.

The funeral services will be held from the St. Paul Evangelical church at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The body will remain at the Pearson and Schmidt Funeral Home until Tuesday afternoon, when it will be removed to the residence, 1318 Timea street.

Bertha died January 6, 1948 in Keokuk, Iowa, at 80 years of age. Their bodies are interred in Lot A, Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk.



#### **OBITUARY**

Mrs. John H. Heineman SR. of 1318 Timea street, a lifelong resident of Keokuk, died at the hospital this morning at 1:30 o'clock after an illness of two days.

Eighty years old, Bertha Burger was born in Keokuk,

September 20, 1867, the daughter of August and Johanna Hopp Burger and on October 23, 1890 married John H. Heineman in Keokuk.

A life-long and very active member of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church, she was also active in its Women's Guild and the Loyal Daughters Sunday school class.

Quiet and unassuming by nature, her principal interests were her home and her church to which she devoted herself...

Surviving are three sons, Arthur J. Heineman and Wilhelm A. Heineman of Keokuk, and John H. Heineman of Elkhart, Ind., four grand children and a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives.

The last of her family, she was preceded in death by her husband, March 1, 1936; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Peckstein; Mrs. Mary Kiedaisch and Mrs. Katherine Schwaner; and three brothers, John, Will and Albert F. Burger.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Schmidt Memorial home with burial in Oakland Cemetery.

John Henry Heineman and Bertha Ann Burger had the following children:



Arthur J. Heineman

1. Arthur John<sup>3</sup> Heineman was born in Keokuk, Iowa August 23, 1891. He married Emma E. Wirtz (Aug. 15, 1889- Oct. 28, 1990) on March 23, 1918.



Arthur J. and Emma Heineman's Home  
1322 Timea Street, Keokuk, IA

Arthur died July 27, 1973 in Keokuk, Iowa, at 80 years of age. His body was interred in Lot A, Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, IA.

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### **OBITUARY**

Arthur J. Heineman, 82, of 1322 Timea, died 2:10 a.m. Friday at Graham Hospital where he had been for the past two days.

He was born August 23, 1891, in Keokuk to John Henry and Bertha Ann Burger Heineman Sr.

On March 23, 1918 he married Emma E. Wirtz in Keokuk. He worked with the former S. Hamill Co. until his retirement.

He was a lifetime member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and has held several offices in the church.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Robert A. of Trenton Mich.; two grand-sons, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Monday at the Schmidt Memorial home with the Rev. A. H. Bausch officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the church or the organization of the donor's choice.

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Emma Elizabeth Wirtz died October 28, 1990. They are buried in Lot A, Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, IA.



### **OBITUARY**

TRENTON, Mich. – Emma Elizabeth Wirtz Heineman, 101, of Trenton, Mich., formerly of Keokuk, died on Sunday, October 28, in Trenton.

She was born on August 15, 1889, in Keokuk, the daughter of John and Maria Barbara Kaiser Wirtz. She married Arthur J. Heineman on March 23, 1918, in Keokuk. She was a longtime resident of Keokuk before moving to Trenton in 1983.

She was a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Elaine Heineman of Trenton; two grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 27, 1973, and a son.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Vigen Memorial Home with the Rev. Kenneth Reiter officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery at

Keokuk.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home.

Memorials may be made to the St. Paul United Church of Christ.

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Arthur John Heineman and Emma Wirtz had the following child:

- a. Robert Arthur Heineman was born in Keokuk, Iowa March 23, 1921. He married Elaine Simon (1924 - ) in Wyandotte, Michigan, January 24, 1948.

Robert Arthur Heineman died in 1988.

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### **OBITUARY**

Robert A. Heineman, 67, of Trenton, Mich., died on June 28.

Survivors include his wife Elaine, sons Paul of Holland, Mich. And Fred of Silver Springs, Md; and his mother Emma of Trenton.

He had been employed by Penn Salt Corporation of Wyandotte, Mich., for 43 years.

A memorial service was held at St. John's Church, Wyandotte, on June 30.

Memorials should be made to St. John's United Church of Christ, 2744 Fourth Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

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Robert A. Heineman and Elaine Simon had the following children:

- i. Paul Arthur Heineman was born in Wyandotte, Michigan October 22, 1948
  - ii. Frederick William Heineman was born March 29, 1951
2. **Wilhelm August Heineman** was born October 13, 1893.
  3. John Henry Heineman was born in Keokuk, Iowa December 13, 1904. He married Mary Rowe (1909) in Elkhart, Indiana, January 1, 1937. John died October 12, 1962 in Elkhart, Indiana, at 57 years of age.
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### **OBITUARY**

John H. Heineman, 56, of 5414 East Jackson Drive in Elkhart, Ind., a former resident of Keokuk, died in the Elkhart General hospital this morning.

He came to Elkhart in 1929 from Keokuk where he was born. He was employed by the C.G. Conn Company, manufacturer of musical instruments.

On January 1, 1937, in Elkhart he married Mary Rowe who survives. Also surviving are son Karl and two brothers, Arthur and Wilhelm, of Keokuk.

The funeral will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Grace Methodist church at Elkhart with burial in the Rice cemetery. The body is at the Stemm Funeral Home.

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John Henry Heineman and Mary Rowe had the following children:

- a. Daughter Heineman. Died at Birth
- b. Daughter Heineman. Died at Birth
- c. Karl Heineman was born in Elkhart Indiana June 4, 1943. Adopted.



John Henry Heineman, Mary Rowe, Karl Heineman

Karl married Connie (?). They had the following children:

- i. Katherine Heineman
- ii. Michael Heineman
- iii. Matt Heineman



**Laura Ann Smith** (James Henry<sup>5</sup>, Tartan<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Stephen J.K. Sr.<sup>8</sup>) was born in Cambridge, Missouri 22 Feb

1852 to James H. Smith and Elizabeth Marshal Duggins of Bedford and Nelson counties, Virginia.

Laura's father, James Henry Smith, was a veteran of the Florida Seminole Indian war and a California 49er and gold adventurer. Her mother's parents were early Missouri settlers and were connected with the La Platte Purchase.

Her parents moved to Fulton, Mo., when she was a child, but she was sent back to Cambridge where she was educated at the Cambridge seminary.

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**NOTES BY LAURA ANN SMITH**

*"I came to Albert Lea in May 1872. That year the winter was the coldest weather I have ever experienced. The thermometer registered 40 below zero, or more for two months - January & February. We had so much snow that it drifted. We had a large drift across our yard as high as the woodshed. The snow blowed so hard I could not see the house across the street. It was so fine it looked like powder, and it came in the windows and the doors. When anyone came home from uptown they looked like they had been rolled in flour."*

*"We had our Ladies Aid at the homes. They didn't dress up much them days. Our summer dresses were made of Challie, Linnen, or Lawn. Our winter dresses were made of wool. Our church dresses were silk but we had only one or two. Mine was made so I could button my train. I had white rusching on the bottom of my train. There were lots of ladies who could take off their trains and then they would have short dresses."*

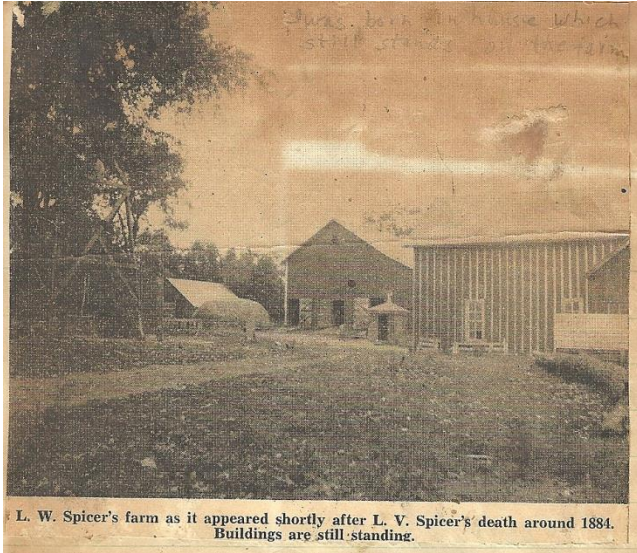
*"Slavery-Mistress kept sugar under lock and key. When baking, sugar measured out to Negro cook. Favorite Negro mammy was wet nurse for white children, her own child nursed after white child. Negro children considered sweet potato skins a real treat. Only slaves ate possum because of strong flavor and amount of fat. Aunt gathered slave girls in circle (also Laura) and they had to knit w/her. Would get cuffed on ears if they got sleepy."*

*"Remembered day of Emancipation Proclamation when slaves were set free. Some stayed with their masters. Others took what few belongings they had, tied them in a bandana on the end of a stick, and started down the road."*

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She came to Albert Lea as the bride of Lester V. Spicer in the spring of 1872 (married April 5 of that year in Fulton, MO). Lester Vandercook Spicer, born in Erie County, Ohio, March 10, 1837, was the oldest son of Isaac Gamble Spicer, of Fort Ann, N.Y. (a descendant of early Connecticut pioneers), and Cornelia Francis Vandercook, born at Pittstown, N.Y., of Dutch-Patruon ancestry. At an early age he went to Oregon, where he was engaged in mining and lumbering at Salem and Joseph. Returning to Ohio, he conducted a hardware store, and in 1865 moved with his mother and younger brother to Fulton, Mo. In 1870 he moved to Albert Lea.

In 1872 Mr. Spicer entered a partnership with Dr. A.C. Wedge in the Corner Drug Store, which business he continued until his death. Having purchased 270 acres of wild timber land he converted it into one of the best stock farms in southern Minnesota and in doing so was one of the first to introduce blooded short-horn cattle in Freeborn County.



L. W. Spicer's farm as it appeared shortly after L. V. Spicer's death around 1884. Buildings are still standing.

Mr. Spicer was killed November 29, 1884, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, at 47 years of age by one of his blooded bulls. He was the father of five children: Irene, Cora Francis, Emma Vandercook, Lester Wedge, and John Lovely.

Laura Ann Smith and Lester Vandercook Spicer had the following children:



Irene Spicer

1. Irene Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Spicer was born in Albert Lea Minnesota February 24, 1873. Irene died December 31, 1899.



Cornelia Spicer

2. Cornelia Francis Spicer was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota September 16, 1874. Cornelia died September 16, 1968 at 94 years of age. She married Betran E. Ross November 3, 1898. They had the following children:
  - a. Roland Spicer Ross was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota October 3, 1898. He married Olive Buckman in Exeter, California November 18, 1922. They had the following children:
    - i. Bertran Eugene Ross was born in Exeter, California January 11, 1924. He married twice: Olene Dunkel and Stella and had the following children:
      - a. Gary Allen Ross was born in Fort Collins, Colorado September 3, 1950
      - b. Patricia Gail Ross was born in Nyssa, Oregon December 27, 1953
      - c. Nancy Lynn Ross was born Bend, Oregon September 21, 1955
      - d. Rebecca Susan Ross was born in Ontario, Oregon September 1, 1964
      - e. David Roland Ross was born in Ontario, Oregon October 17, 1966
    - ii. Cora Evalyn Ross was born December 6, 1901. She married Ernest Fay Calhoun in Los Angeles, California November 14, 1925
      - a. Beryl Fay Calhoun was born December 30, 1928
    - iii. Hazel Irene Ross was born in Pasadena, California November 10, 1903. She married Leon P. Cunningham in Exeter, California May 30, 1925
      - a. Jacquelyn Betty Cunningham was born June 29, 1926
    - iv. Bertran Bart-Perry Ross was born in Pasadena, California March 17, 1907. He married Helen Elizabeth Koenig April 4, 1937.
      - a. Roderick Dale Ross was born December 24, 1940
      - b. Marilyn Gayle Ross was born September 12, 1946

Letter from Roland Ross dated December 7, 1969:

*"...it was not a Mineral King where my Uncles mined for gold but at Bodfish on the lower Kern River. This is about 60 miles up the Kern River from Bakersfield*

where the country widened to form a valley about 10 miles long and 4 miles wide. Here we had a cabin but the miners were located about 7 miles above the valley in the higher mountains and reached by foot-trail only. Here Mother & Dad and we children spent several summers and a couple winters helping my Uncles in the mines. Later on when our family moved to Exeter I spent more summers up there.”

The cabin at the mines provided a wonderful view of the valley and surrounding mountains and I have several sketches Mother made from there. That cabin still provides fond memories – the kitchen was large enough for a twenty foot table and it was generally full, but I slept out under the pine trees with my Uncles – and still remember the night noises that sometimes seemed so close.

Kernville was a small town at the upper end of the valley and it was pretty rough and tough in those days. My Uncles told many fearful tales of the shootings and feuds in the area.

I went to school for a couple terms at Bodfish – a real old time, one room affair – quite primitive by today’s standards.

In recent years they have built a dam across the river at the lower end of the valley creating a very large lake and they had to move the little town of Kernville further up the river. Bodfish still survives and I hope to look the place over again before too long.

After Murriel and I were married and the rest of my family were pretty much on their own I bought a resort business in Mineral King – about 50 miles into the high Sierra Mts. east of Exeter and actually only about 20 miles from the upper Kern River. Here we had the only private land – surrounded by Forest Service and Natl. Park lands – at the head of the Kaweah River – elevation 8,000 ft. We operated the summer post office, but Murriel took care of that – not Mother – and had several cabins to rent out, plus tent houses, and a dining room. I, and my men, packed hunters, fishermen, and “tourists” into the “back” country – including the headwaters of the Kern and other rivers. At the peak of business I was working over 100 head of horses and mules. Mostly we had wonderful people to deal with – some very prominent persons. My brother worked for me there most of the time; Mother and sisters visited when possible. When Marjorie Spicer visited in Calif. I took her up there for a few days.

After about 6 years of interesting, but real hard work we decided we had had enough and sold out to Murriels cousin (Ray Buckman) and he operated as we had for a few years and then sold out to Walt Disney – for what sum I don’t know but I’m sure he made a good thing of it.

The area was unspoiled when we were there – a rough, steep, dirt mountain road and limited accommodations tender to keep out all but the really dedicated mountain lovers. If the Disney Corp. succeeds in modernizing the rea it will be overrun with people. I’m not sure that I ever want to go back.

We didn’t live in Mineral King in the winter – snow was too deep – but I would make trips by snow shoe or skiis to clear snow from cabins; sometimes six or eight feet deep. Most every winter we lost from one to several cabins due to avalanches and Disney may

have some trouble in this respect.

Well, I’ve rambled on – perhaps too much – but I feel as you do that some of the history of our families should be preserved. I really think future generations will be interested – for contrast, if nothing more. You know Murriel and I had continued interesting experiences operating one of the largest and most isolated cattle ranches in Eastern Oregon – but that is another story...”

3. Lester Wedge Spicer was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota October 20, 1876. He married Elizabeth Newberry Beebe (1878-1957) March 15, 1909. Lester died December 5, 1961.

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Lester Wedge Spicer, was born on this farm on Oct. 20, 1876. The younger Spicer graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1895 in a class of just 10 students, and from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in 1897. By 1899, he was a partner in the Barlow and Spicer Drug Store at the corner of South Broadway Avenue and West Clark Street.

The second Lester Spicer, who was known by the nickname of “Spike,” became deeply interested in area history because of his many visits with some of the original settlers, plus Civil War and Sioux Uprising veterans of the 1860s. He also became involved in civic affairs, served as a member of the city council, and was a member of several Masonic groups and other organizations.

“Spike” became known as a local historian. He collected various papers and artifacts and became involved in research projects with the Minnesota Historical Society and Library of Congress and Census Bureau in Washington, D.C., the Newberry Library in Chicago, and the Boston Library. From “*History of Freeborn County Minnesota*” by Franklin Curtiss-Wedge pg. 69.

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**Lester Wedge Spicer**, of the firm of Barlow & Spicer, druggists and stationers, was born in Albert Lea, October 20, 1876, son of Lester Vandercook and Laura Ann (Smith) Spicer. He was reared in the city of his birth, attending public school and graduating from the high school in 1895. In 1897 he graduated from the College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota, and in 1899 became junior member of the present firm. Mr. Spicer is an independent voter and has served as county coroner. He is a member of several fraternal orders. The subject of this sketch was married March 10, 1909, at Wooster, Ohio, to Elizabeth Newberry Beebe, born July 20, 1878, daughter of William O and Fanny Allyn (Sill) Beebe, of Wooster, formerly of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Mrs. Spicer is a graduate of Wooster University. To this union has been born one daughter, Margery Elizabeth, born June 29, 1910.

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- a. Margery Elizabeth Spicer was born June 29,

1910. She married Donald Richardson Nichols March 7, 1942. Met her husband on a graduation present cruise to South America. He was a physician at the Mayo Clinic.

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*Miss Spicer Home  
From South America  
April 16, 1949*

*Miss Margery Spicer returned home yesterday from South America, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Spicer Park Ave. who met her in New Orleans. Miss Spicer has spent since February 1, visiting by means of rail, boat and airplane, the principle cities of Brazil, among them Bahia, Pernambuco, Sao Paulo and Petropolis. While in Rio De Janerio, she was the guest of Major and Mrs. L. D. Flory. Miss Spicer regretted that she was unable to stay for a longer time, but the steamship line could promise no more sailings for several months. She very much enjoyed her visit there, finding the scenery and atmosphere very different from that seen on her trips to Europe.*

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*Miss Spicer  
Becomes Bride  
Of Dr. Nichols  
Ceremony Read  
At Christ Church;  
Reception at Hotel Albert*

*WHITE chiffon was used to fashion the gown worn by Miss Margery Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wedge Spicer, 530 Park avenue, for her marriage Saturday to Dr. Donald Richardson Nichols of Rochester, son*

*of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Nichols of Minneapolis. The dress made with a draped bodice, had bell sleeves and a wide girdle finished with a pleated peplum.*

*The bride completed her costume with a finger-tip length veil which fell from a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried white roses, freesia and budlea, and wore a three-strand necklace of pearls.*

*The Very Rev. Osborne R. Littleford of Faribald read the ceremony which took place at 4 o'clock at Christ Episcopal Church. Candles and bouquets of pink carnations, calla lilies, gladioli and roses decorated the church. David Horning, organist, played before and during the ceremony as well as the processional and recessional.*

*Miss Peggy Nichols of Minneapolis, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She wore aqua blue chiffon and a coronet of matching chiffon flowers. His bouquet was of pink roses.*

*Dr. Nichols' best man was Dr. L. O. Underdahl of Rochester. Ushers were Finn A. Nannestad of Albert Lea; John F. Thompson of Racine; Dr. John Drapewski of Rochester, and Dr. Howard Andersen of Minneapolis.*

*A reception was held in the Spanish Dining room of the Hotel Albert following the ceremony. Mrs. H. D. Burns, Mrs. Finn Nannestad, Mrs. Helen Sieglaff, Mrs. H. E. Keller and Miss Thora Eglund puured.*



*A dinner for members of the families and the bridal party given on Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nichols, was also at the Hotel Albert.*

*After a wedding trip Dr. and Mrs. Nichols will be at home in the Hillside apartments in Rochester.*

*The bride is a graduate of Carleton College, Northfield. Dr. Nichols was graduated from Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts and the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is on the staff of the Mayo clinic in Rochester.*

*Out of town guests were:*

*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Nichols of Minneapolis; Mr. Alfred E. Au of La Crosse; Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wurst, Mr and Mrs. A. Krautkramer, Miss Marie Frank and Dr. H. H. Pierre of Jordan; Miss Mildred Johnston of East Chicago, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. George Laub and Mrs. Dora C.*

Swenson of Cresco, Iowa; Mrs. Nathaniel McCarthy, Miss Jean McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamlin, Mrs. Charles E. Vasaly, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Marnie, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard S. Marnie and Miss Catherine Burns of Minneapolis; Dr. and Mrs. Byron Ward, Dr. and Mrs. Wendel Peterson, Dr. W. Rasmussen, Miss Jean Domki, Miss Ruth Sault, Dr. Charles Jacobson, and Dr. and Mrs. B. P. Cunningham of Rochester.

Margery and Donald had the following children:

- i. Virginia Anne Nichols was born July 8, 1943
- ii. John Spicer Nichols was born September 1945

Margery died October 14, 1953, Rochester, Minn. Interred Graceland Cemetery, Albert Lea, MN.

## OBITUARY

### L. W. Spicer's Daughter Dies; Funeral Friday

Mrs. Donald R. Nichols, 43, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Spicer, died yesterday morning at St. Mary's hospital in Rochester after a long illness. Death was due to metastatic carcinoma.

The former Margery Elizabeth Spicer, she was born here June 29, 1910. She had lived in Rochester the past 11 years.

A graduate of Albert Lea high school and Carleton college, she had attended the University of Minnesota. During her school days she played as violinist with several orchestras.

She was a member of the John Holland Mayflower Society. In Rochester she was affiliated with Calvary Episcopal church, the PEO Sister, PTA, League of Women Voters, and was a Girl Scout leader.

She taught at high schools in Lemira, Wis., and at Bemidji. She was principal of the high school at Jordan.

She was married to Dr. Donald R. Nichols March 7, 1942. The couple had made their home in Rochester since their marriage.

Survivors include her husband, her parents and two children. The daughter, Virginia Ann, is 10 and John S., the son, is 8 years old.

Aunts who survive are: Mrs. Emma S. Au, LaCrosse, Wis.; Mrs. Cora S. Ross, Lindsey, Calif.; Mrs. Lucile Heineman, Keokuk, Iowa, and Mrs. Katherine Claybourn, Albert Lea.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today in Calvary Episcopal church, Rochester. The Rev. Guy Menefee will officiate.

Funeral services will be held here at 2 p.m., Friday in Christ Episcopal church. The Rev. Harry Bridle will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland cemetery.

Friends may call at the Petersen Funeral Chapel until noon on Friday.

The family suggests that friends may give a memorial to the Christ Episcopal church building fund, instead of sending flowers.

4. Emma Vandercook Spicer was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota August 5, 1879. She married Alfred Edward Au (1875-1958) in Albert Lea, Minnesota, February 5, 1901. National DAR #81177.

## Wedding Bells

One of the prettiest home weddings ever solemnized in this city took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Jensen yesterday afternoon when their daughter, Miss Emma V. Spicer, was married to Alfred E. Au of La Crosse, Wis.

The parlors were elaborately decorated with smilax, palms, pepper foliage with berries, potted plants and carnations and presented a beautiful appearance. The guests had been bidden to arrive at 4 and when that time arrived nearly all were present and waited expectantly. A few minutes past 4 the piano in the west parlor pealed out the wedding march, Miss Myrtie Jorgensen presiding at the instrument, and it was a signal for silence. Almost immediately Rev. H. D. Chambers, rector of Christ Episcopal church, who was to officiate, appeared in the east parlor, gowned in the priestly robes of his office, and he was followed by Miss Bertha Farrington leaning upon the arm of Prof. Lester. W. Spicer, brother of the bride, Miss Nellie Crandall and Dr. Albertson of Austin, and they took their places at a proper distance from the clergyman, then appeared little Miss Lucille Marguerite Jensen, sister of the bride, carrying the ring upon a tray, and then the cynosure of all eyes, the bride and groom, arrived. They at once took their places inside a ribbon-enclosed space under a festoon of smilax and carnations, and the beautiful marriage service of the Episcopal church was begun. The minister's voice was clear and so was that of the bride and groom, very little nervousness being shown by either. The ceremony is as brief as it is pleasing and after it was over there was a season of congratulations and all the guests paid their respects to the husband and wife.

The bride was charming in a gown of shining white taffeta silk, entrain, trimmed with pearls, and she carried a bunch of roses and real orange blossoms.

Miss Farrington wore a green taffeta silk gown under mousseline de soie, and she carried a bouquet of roses.

Miss Crandall was brilliant in a pink organdi gown, trimmed with mousseline de soi and also carried a bunch of roses.

The groom and his two attendants wore the regulation black suits and all look exceedingly well dressed.

There were a goodly number of presents and they were costly and appropriate. They were greatly admired by the guests.

After the congratulations were partially over refreshments were begun and an elaborate luncheon was served to all the guests, the number passing the one hundred mark. The menu was all that could have been desired and was daintily served by the ladies.

The bride has lived all her life in this city and has been one of the most popular young ladies in the place,

witty and humorous yet always thoughtful of the feeling of others. She will be sadly missed by a host of warm friends and admirers.

The groom is one of Uncle Sam's railway mail clerks and is a resident of La Crosse but has a large circle of friends in Austin. He is a young man that all can admire and predict he will make an excellent husband for the bride he has won.

The young couple left last night for the east and will take up their residence in La Crosse for the present and the best wishes of the people of this entire city go with them. The TRIBUNE bestows its choicest blessing upon the newly wedded pair and hope their lives will be cast in the pleasantest of places.

Among the guests from outside the city were misses Hormel, Corneveaux, Brown and Miller and Messrs West and Albertson of Austin.

Emma died October 17, 1977 in La Crosse, WI, at 98 years of age.

## OBITUARY

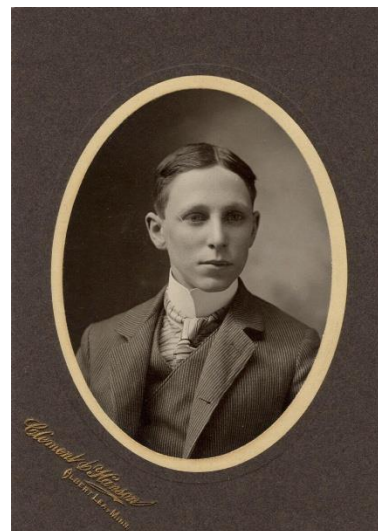
LaCrosse Tribune, 18 October 1977, p. 9

Services for Mrs. Emma V Au. will be at 1:30 Thursday in the Sletten McKee-Hanson Funeral Home. Rev. William Schumann will officiate. Burial with graveside services to be conducted by the Eastern Star, will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Mrs Au died Monday, Oct 17, in La Crosse nursing home.

She was born Aug. 5, 1879 at Albert Lea, MN to Simon and Laura (Spicer) Vandercook. On Feb. 5, 1901 she married Alfred E. Au at Albert Lea. He died in 1957.

She was a 63 year member of La Crosse Chapter 22 Eastern Star and the oldest local member of the Daughters of the American Revolution which she joined in 1913. She also was an honorary lifetime member of Grandview Hospital Auxiliary, a member of Shrine Hospital Auxiliary, White Shrine of Jerusalem and the National Association of Retired Civil Employees.

She is survived by stepsister, Mrs. Lucile Heineman of Council Bluffs, Iowa and several nieces and nephews.



John Lovely Spicer

5. John Lovely Spicer was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota November 25, 1883. John died June 19, 1951 at 67 years of age in Los Angeles, California where he was in the hotel business. He married Dorothy Eleanor Claus (1894- ) in Pasadena, California, February 2, 1922. They had the following children:
  - a. John Lester Spicer was born January 30, 1925. Instructor at the University of Minnesota.
  - b. Holt Vandercook Spicer was born February 1, 1928. He married Marian Arel Gibson (1933 - ) August 16, 1952. Holt died May 3, 1953
    - i. Mary Ellen Spicer was born in Delano, California July 20, 1953
    - ii. Susan Leah Spicer was born in Springfield, Missouri September 9, 1955
    - iii. Laura Alice Spicer was born in Springfield, Missouri May 22, 1960.
    - iv. John Millard Spicer was born in Springfield, Missouri January 10, 1965

Laura Ann Smith also married Peter Christen Jensen Nov. 19, 1889.



Jensen Spicer group photo



**Peter Christen Jensen (Jens Peder Christensen)**\* (Christen<sup>5</sup> Jensen, Jens<sup>6</sup> Hansen, Hans<sup>7</sup> Pedersen) was born in Munke Bjergby Parish, Alsted, Soro, Denmark March 12, 1857 to Christen and Edla Marie (Paulsen) Jensen. He was baptized June 12, 1857 and vaccination August 20, 1857.



Jensen Home in Denmark

Peter and his brothers received their early education in Denmark. His father was a weaver of linen tablecloths. The story goes that he died of cancer of the stomach believed to have been caused when the loom hit him in the stomach.

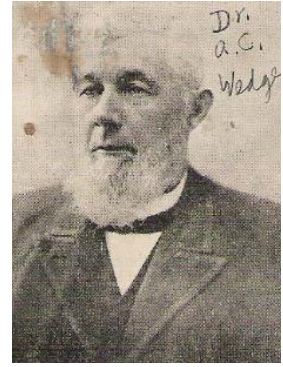
The family immigrated to the United States on, May, 1868,

destination Detroit, MI when Peter was 11. They came on a sailing ship-a grain vessel. It took them 47 days to cross the Atlantic. They settled in Pilot Grove township, Faribault county, Minnesota, and lived on a farm twenty-one years. For a while they lived in a sod house as so many immigrants did.

After attending the country schools of Pilot Grove in winters, and working on farms in the summer, he studied in winter in Winnebago City, and in 1874 went to Albert Lea, where he entered the employ of Wedge & Spicer in their drug store.

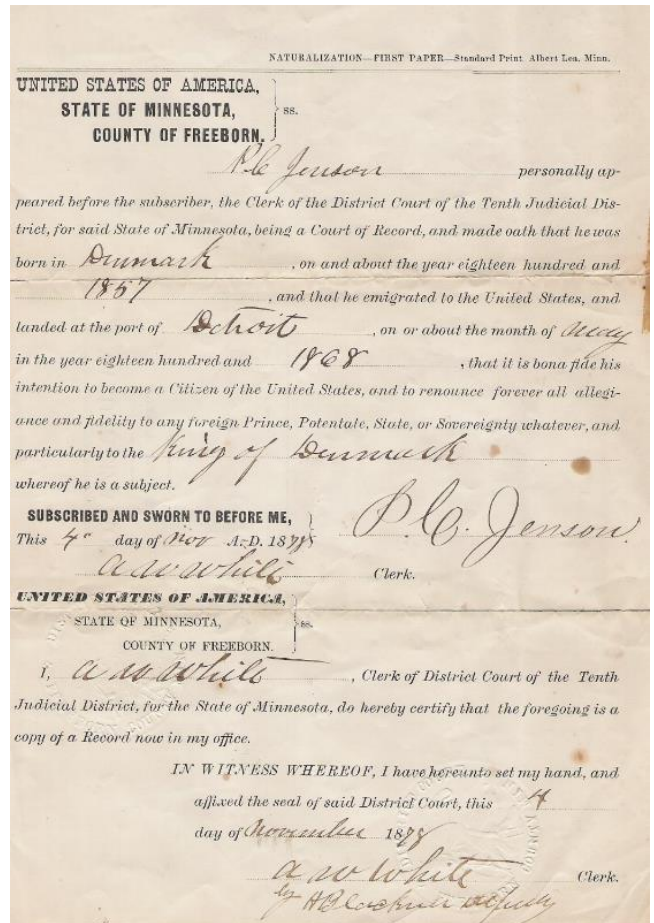


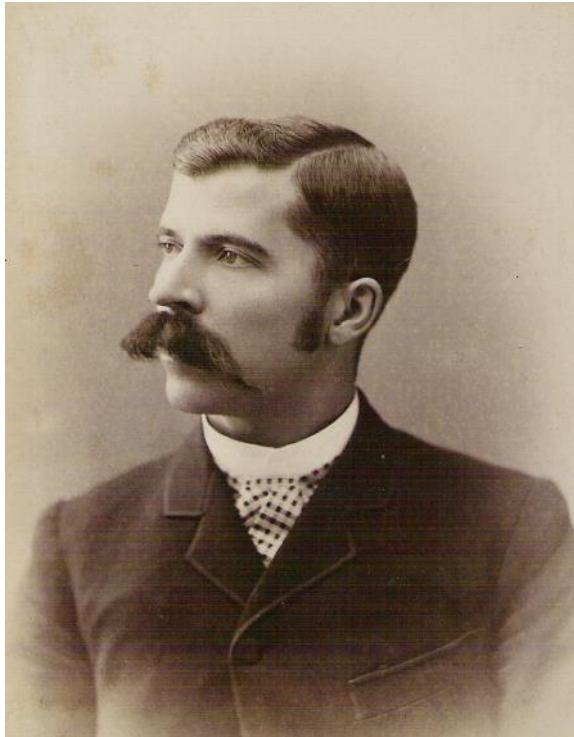
Lester Vandercook Spicer



Dr. A.C. Wedge

Peter Jensen became a United States citizen on November 4, 1878:





In 1884 he purchased Dr. Wedge's interest, and the firm became Spicer & Jensen. After Mr. Spicer's death, Dr. A.C. Wedge again came into the firm, and Frank A. Barlow also joined the partnership, the company being conducted as Wedge, Jensen & Co. Two years later Mr. Jensen sold out to Wedge & Barlow and started in the drug business in his own building.



Jensen Drug Store

In 1900 he sold out and retired. He owned three stores on West Clark Street, in Albert Lea and spent his time looking after his various real estate and other holdings. He owned 480 acres of farm land in North Dakota, was a stockholder and director in the Citizen's National Bank of Albert Lea, a director in the Albert Lea Land Co., and a director in the Madison Valley Land and Stock Co., of Albert Lea, which latter he helped to organize.




From left are L.W. Spicer, Dr. A.C. Wedge, F.W. Barlow, Frank Dills and Jacob Frost.



Jensen Home in Albert Lea, MN

Peter Christen Jensen died April 14, 1938 in Albert Lea, Minnesota, at 81 years of age. He had been ill, having suffered a stroke on Christmas day.

  
**Certified Copy of Death Record**

Number \*\*\*\*\*  
 Full Name of Deceased Peter Christian Jensen  
 Date of Death April 14, 1938  
 Place of Death City of Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minn.  
 Usual Residence City of Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minn.  
 Date Filed by Local Registrar April 20, 1938 Sex Male  
 Color or Race White Single, Married, etc. Married  
 Name of Husband or Wife \*\*\*\*\*  
 Date of Birth March 11, 1857 Birthplace Denmark  
 Name of Father Christian Jensen  
 Birthplace of Father Denmark  
 Maiden Name of Mother Edla Marie Paulsen  
 Birthplace of Mother Denmark

State of Minnesota, DISTRICT COURT  
 County of Freeborn, ss. Third Judicial District

I, Evan K. Wilcox, Clerk of the District Court in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the legal death record of Peter Christian Jensen on file and of record in my office. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Albert Lea, Minnesota, this 19th day of January, 1965.  
Evan K. Wilcox Clerk of District Court  
 By Ray Walton Deputy

**OBITUARY**  
**FUNERAL HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON**  
 Friday, April 15, 1938

*P.C. Jensen, Pioneer Here Died Thursday P.C. Jensen, a well known pioneer resident of this city, passed away Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at his home at 224 Water Street.*

*For more than three months Mr. Jensen had been ill, having suffered a stroke on Christmas day. Since that time he had constantly grown weaker. He was 81 years of age.*

*A large real estate owner, and many years a businessman in this city, he had resided in America since 1868. Born in Denmark on March 11, 1857, the son of Christian and Mary Paulsen Jensen, Mr. Jensen received his early education in his native land. When the family arrived in America they settled at Pilot Grove, Faribault County, Minn., where he attended school in the winter and worked on farms during the summer.*

*In 1874 the deceased came to Albert Lea, and entered the employ of the Wedge-Spicer drug company. In 1884 he purchased the interest of Dr. Wedge, and after the death of L. V. Spicer, Dr. A. C. Wedge again came into the firm. The late Frank A. Barlow also became a partner, the company being known as Wedge, Jensen & Co. Two years later, Mr. Jensen sold his share and started a drug business of his own. He retired from active business in 1900. Jensen Drugstore, Albert Lea MN.*

*Mr. Jensen was married November 19, 1899, to Mrs. Laura A. Smith Spicer. Two daughters were born of this union, Catherine June, now Mrs. H. D. Claybourn of this city and Lucille Marguerite, now Mrs. William Heinemann, of Keokuk, Iowa, who is expected to arrive in the city today. Mrs. Jensen preceded her husband in death, having passed away Jan. 29, 1934*

*Laura Ann (Smith) Jensen died January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1934 in Albert Lea, Minnesota, at age 82. She is buried in Graceland Cemetery.*

**OBITUARY**

*Mrs. Peter C. Jensen died Jan. 29, 1934, at her home at 224 Water Street, and was laid to rest in the family lot in Graceland Cemetery following services at the Presbyterian Church conducted by Dr. R.L. King.*

*She was born Laura Ann Smith at Cambridge (Saline County), Mo. on Feb. 22, 1852. Her parents were both Virginians; the father, James H. Smith, was a veteran of the Florida Seminole Indian war and a California 49er and gold adventurer. The mother was Elizabeth Marshal Duggins, whose parents were early Missouri settlers and were connected with the La Platte Purchase.*

*Her parents moved to Fulton, Mo., when she was a child, but she was sent back to Cambridge where she was educated at the Cambridge seminary.*

*She came to Albert Lea as the bride of Lester V. Spicer in the spring of 1872 (married April 5 of that year). Mr. Spicer, a native of Ohio, was then living in Albert Lea. He had purchased a home for his bride, where she had lived ever since.*

*Mr. Spicer was killed in 1884 on his stock farm just north of the city, leaving her a widow with five children: Irene E., deceased; Cora F. (Mrs. Bert Ross of Glendale Cal.); Lester W. of this city, Emma V. (Mrs. Alfred Au of La Cross, Wis), and John L. Spicer of Los Angeles, Cal.*

*She was married Nov. 19, 1889, to Peter C. Jensen of Albert Lea, who survives her. To this union were born:*

Catherine June of this city and Lucile (now Mrs. William A. Heineman) of Keokuk, Iowa). Besides her six living children she had nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mrs. Jensen also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Robert Lamar of Fulton, Mo., and Mrs. James Bailey of Sacramento, Cal, and one brother, George D. Smith of Faribault, Minn.

Mrs. Jensen had been a member of the local Presbyterian Church for sixty-two years and a member of the Aid Society and Foreign Missions for a number of years. She was a charter member and one time president of the City Relief, and also a charter member of the local D.A.R. She was the next to last survivor of a group of old friends christened the Friendship Circle.

Mrs. Jensen had a store of anecdotes of her girlhood as a near witness to Civil War days and slavery, and also many incidents relative to early Albert Lea pioneer days.

Mrs. Jensen had been in good health enjoying her home and church until the day after Christmas when she was stricken.



Peter C. Jensen and Laura Ann Smith had the following children:



Left to right: Lucile and Catherine Jensen

- a. Catherine June<sup>3</sup> Jensen was born in Albert Lee Minnesota June 27, 1891. She graduated from high school in Albert Lea, Minnesota, in 1911. She graduated from Albert Lea Presbyterian College in 1913 and from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Rapids in 1916. Catherine graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing in San Francisco, California in 1932.

- b. She married Harry Durward Claybourn in Albert Lea, Minnesota, December 25, 1935. (National DAR #288071)



Harry and Catherine in costume

Harry Durward Claybourn was born on 21 March 1875, in Rome (Dix), Illinois. He married (1st) on 26 June 1895, to Trena Johnson (born on 23 January 1872 in Norway). They had one child, Iona, born on 3 August 1897 in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Iona married on 22 December 1917, to Albert Ranstad (1891-1969). They had no children and Iona died on 24 March 1970. Trena died on 12 October 1934 in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

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## JENSEN-CLAYBOURN

*AN EVENT of unusual interest united two well-known Albert Lea families when Miss Katherine June Jensen, daughter of Mr. P.C. Jensen, and Mr. Harry D. Claybourn were united in marriage on Christmas morning at ten o'clock in the Presbyterian church in Albert Lea, the Rev. Robert L. King officiating.*

The altar was banked with palms and ferns and lighted with candelabra holding green tapers. The bride and groom were unattended.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's father for the immediate friends and relatives.

The wedding gown was fashioned of turquoise blue moiré, and the bridal bouquet consisted of Talisman roses, sweat peas and baby breath.

The bride and groom were honored at the family Christmas dinner given later at the L.W. Spicer home at 530 Park Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Claybourn left last night for a trip through the south. Enroute they will visit at the home of Mrs. Claybourn's sister in Keokuk, Ia. The bride's traveling gown was of tan tweed with green accessories.

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Harry Durward Claybourn died October 14, 1951.

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## OBITUARY

### H. Claybourn Dies After Long Illness

Harry Durward Claybourn, 76, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Claybourn, died at the Naeve hospital Saturday at 4:27 a.m. He had been in failing health for the last year and a half. He was transferred to the hospital for treatment, Nov. 4.

He was born in (?) county of Jefferson, in southern Illinois, March 21, 1875.

On June 26, 1895, Mr. Claybourn was married to Trena Barbara Johnson. To them was born one child, lone, now the wife of Mr. Albert Ranstad of this city.

On December 25, 1935, Mr. Claybourn married Miss Catherine June Jensen, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Jensen. At the time of their marriage they lived at 224 Water street with Mrs. H.D. Claybourn's father. After the death of Mr. Jensen, Harry built the home at 133 Bidge avenue, and has lived there ever since.

His family moved from Illinois in 1878 in a covered wagon and located at Glenville, Minn. The trip was made in July and took them 25 days. In 1882 he moved with his parents to a farm north of Albert Lea. They then moved to Albert Lea, which is now the site of the Country club, and lived there two years. They then moved to Albert Lea, where he worked with his father and brother at the carpenter trade, building four homes in Albert Lea where he resided.

After working as a carpenter and contractor for bridge construction for about 18 years, he was then employed by the Motor Inn company for the next 15 years as a mechanic, repairing wrecked automobile bodies.

During the ministry of Rev. Mosher, Mr. Claybourn became a member of the First Baptist church of this city, a relationship which he maintained until his marriage to Miss Jensen. He then became a member of the First Presbyterian church, where he remained an active member until his death.

Mr. Claybourn was prominent in the Masonic lodge; being a past high priest, Albert Lea chapter No. 30, RAM; a past commander of Apollo Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar; a past matter of Western Star Lodge No. 26; and a past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Halcyon Chapter No. 21.

He was vice-president of the Freeborn County Historical Society.

He was a devout Christian man and was public spirited, interested in both the progress of his community and in the government of our country.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Ranstad; a son-in-law, Albert Ranstad, brother Wayne and Mort of Albert Lea; Leslie W. of New York City; John C. of Rangoon, Burma, and several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 16, at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church of Albert Lea. Rev. Lloyd A. Peterson will officiate. The Masonic lodge will conduct services at the grave with Knights Templar escort. Interment will be at Graceland cemetery.

Friends may call at the Peterson Funeral chapel from this afternoon until Tuesday at 11 a.m.



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### From News Paper Article *She'll Be Missed*

Catherine Claybourn, one of Albert Lea's most colorful citizens left last week to make her home near her sister in Council Bluffs, Iowa and Albert Lea is undoubtedly diminished by her departure.

Mrs. Claybourn who will be 82 years old June 27, has always been a woman of enthusiasm, conviction, and bewildering assortment of interests ranging from button collecting to politics.

Active in the Methodist Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution, she was a member of the Halcyon Chapter of the Eastern Star, a firm supporter of the Audubon Society, the unofficial conscious of the City Council, and in short, is "a citizen at large."

Her collecting took her far afield to button-collectors' conventions in remote spots and to the very steps of the White House. As for example the time in the early 60's when she set off for Washington, D.C. carrying three large prints, two of which of them were accepted by the National DAR and one of Lincoln, now by the Smithsonian Institute.

Born on the Spicer farm across from what is now the Fairgrounds, June 27, Mrs. Claybourn was the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Jensen. Her father was a long-time druggist in Albert Lea. Her mother at the time of her marriage to Mr. Jensen had been the widow of L. V. Spicer and was the mother of five Spicer children.

Catherine's father had come to this country on March 11, 1857, when he was 11 years old, with his parents and two brothers, Jim and Dr. Paul C. Jensen.

His parents settled with their family in Pilot Grove Township and in 1874, he was apprenticed to the Wedge-Spicer Drug Store where he served for 26 years until he finally had his own drug store. He was a registered druggist.

Catherine's mother came from Fulton Mo. She was born Feb. 22, 1852, and was able to remember Civil War days and slavery. Because of her stories and songs, perhaps, Catherine developed an interest in the past. Her collection of hats from bygone years is legendary. She was an enthusiastic contributor to the Freeborn County Historical Museum and the millery shop that bears witness to her interest.

It is paradoxical that though her politics tend toward the conservative, she herself was well in advance of her times.

Way back in the days when women were expected to be domestic and interested in domestic pursuits, she majored in manual training. After getting her Bachelor of Arts degree from Iowa State Teacher's College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, taught hundreds of grubby little boys the art of knocking together pieces of furniture.

Her teaching days had their drawbacks, she said. She roomed in a farm house, freezing in an unheated room and trapping whole armies of mice in her clothes closet.

She had always wanted to be a nurse, though her parents had opposed it. She finally completed nursing training at St. Francis Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa, and General Hospital in San Francisco, Calif.

She was married to Harry Claybourn, Dec. 25, 1935, and continued after his death to live at the house he had built for them on Bridge Avenue.

The years saw her taking an interest in the organizations to which she belonged, her ever-growing collections and even some new projects like puppet making. Every project in which she engaged she approached with complete and dedicated interest.

Civic affairs probably claimed her greatest efforts. It was not uncommon for her to make the rounds of business places seeking support for something of which she approved or challenging her friend to join with her in opposition to something she considered harmful.

She was an enthusiastic supporter for candidates she felt furthered the causes to which she subscribed. But when one of her candidates failed her, as she believed, she took the most political method she could think of for setting him straight, she filed for office herself.

Despite a slightly failing health, she spared no pains to make her convictions known. It was a gallant effort and it was not without its price. Her physician advised against her continuing to live alone.

Her decision to leave Albert Lea took her many friends by surprise. Women from her church and friends from the DAR hastily pulled together an open house in her honor last week but the timing was bad. Many of us who would like to have been present to wish her joy in her new home were out of Albert Lea altogether.

As one of her friends put it, for a woman like Catherine friends are flying flags. Another one said "She more than represented Albert Lea. In some strange way she was Albert Lea."

Even one of her detractors got in on the act. "She may have sometimes acted like an old bat," he said, "But she was always a lovable old bat."

Summed up, the feelings are, "There's only one Catherine Claybourn and long may she flourish. There's always a welcome mat out for her in Albert Lea."

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Catherine died February 7, 1977 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, at 85 years of age.

c. **Lucile Marguerite Jensen** was born October 19, 1893.

**Harry A. Crum** (Simeon F.<sup>5</sup>, Edward F.<sup>6</sup>, Simeon P.<sup>7</sup>, Simeon F.<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>9</sup>, William C.<sup>10</sup>, Daniel<sup>11</sup>) was born in Hamilton, Hancock Co. Illinois December 1870 to Simeon Franklin Crum and Mary Matilda Warner.

He married **Bertha Hostmeyer** in Hamilton, Illinois, c. 1895.

**Bertha D. Hostmeyer** was born in Adams Co., Illinois April 5, 1874. Census indicates her father was born in Germany and her mother was born in Illinois.

Harry A. Crum died December 1, 1944 (aged 73). He froze to death in his bedroom.

Bertha D. Hostmeyer Crum died April 13, 1933 (aged 59) in Keokuk, Lee County, IA.

They are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery, Hamilton, Hancock County, IL.



Harry and Bertha had the following children:

1. **Alfred Arthur<sup>3</sup> Crum** was born November 16, 1896.
2. **Bernice Crum** was born September 22, 1902. She married Wesley Luke Cannon June 23, 1924. Bernice died May 5, 1986 at 83 years of age. Wesley died in 1970.

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## OBITUARY

*Bernice Golden Cannon, 83, of Alexandria, Mo., died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, May 5, at Keokuk Area Hospital*

following an illness of two weeks.

She was born Sept. 22, 1902 in Hancock County, Ill, the daughter of Harry and Bertha Hostmeyer Crum. She married Wesley L. Cannon on June 23, 1924 in Keokuk, and he preceded her in death in 1970.

She had lived in Alexandria for the past 58 years. She was a member of the Alexandria Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include sons Guy Cannon of Carthage, Robert of Keokuk, Kenneth, Edwin and Keith all of Kahoka, Mo., and Rodney of Revere, Mo.; daughters Mrs. Charlotte Fox of Alexandria, Mo. and Mrs. Barbara Steele of Keokuk; 20 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, one nephew and three nieces.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, one son-in-law and one brother.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at DeJong Funeral Home with Dr. David Castrodale officiating. Burial will be in the Sand Cemetery at St. Francisville, Mo.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday with the family meeting friends from 7-9 p.m.

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Wesley Cannon and Bernice Crum had the following children:

- a. Rodney Cannon married Arlene Whalen
- b. Keith Cannon married Joanne Sanders
- c. Edwin Cannon married Deloris Dorsey
- d. Kenneth H. Cannon was born September 10, 1931. He married Ella Mae Thompson, October 10, 1953. Kenneth died July 12, 1994.

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## OBITUARY

**KAHOKA, Mo.** – Kenneth H. Cannon, 62, of Kahoka, died at 6:15 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, at Keokuk Area Hospital.

He was born Sept. 10, 1931, in Alexandria, Mo., to Wesley and Bernice Crum Cannon.

He married Ella Mae Thompson on Oct. 10, 1953, in Keokuk. She survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Kirby of Kirksville, Mo., and Mark of Kahoka; two daughters, Mrs. Randy (Karen) Smith and Mrs. Thomas (Brenda) Spriggs, both of Kahoka; four brothers, Robert Cannon of Keokuk, Edwin and Keith Cannon, both of Kahoka, and Rodney Cannon of Revere; two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Fox and Mrs. Barbara Steele, both of Keokuk; four grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and a nephew.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and an employee of Keokuk Steel Castings for 38 years, retiring in 1993, due to ill health. He was a past president of the United States Steelworkers Union Local 3311 in Keokuk. He was a member of the Alexandria Presbyterian Church and the St. Francisville Lodge #588 A.F. and A.M. at Wayland.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Alexandria Presbyterian Church with the Revs. David Castrodale and Gary Payne officiating. Burial with military rites will be held at Sand Cemetery in St.

Francisville.

Visitation will be at the Wilson Funeral Home in Kahoka after 9 a.m. Thursday with the family meeting friends from 7-9 p.m. Masonic Services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to an education fund for his grandchildren.

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Kenneth Cannon and Ella Thompson had the following children:

- i. Kirby Cannon
- ii. Mark Cannon
- iii. Karen, married Randy Smith
- iv. Brenda, married Thomas Spriggs

- e. Robert Cannon married Anna
- f. Guy Wesley Cannon, born April 6, 1925. He married Lois E. McKinstery April 22, 1951. Guy Cannon died August 26, 1992.

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## OBITUARY

**KAHOKA, Mo.** – Guy Wesley Cannon, 67, Kahoka, Mo. Died Wednesday morning, Aug. 26, at Keokuk Area Hospital.

He was born April 6, 1925 in Lee County, Iowa to Wesley Luke and Bernice Crum Cannon.

He was married April 22, 1951, at Keokuk to Louis E. McKinstery. He later was married October 17, 1975, at Carthage, Ill. to Marjorie Carter. She survives.

Survivors also include three sons, Harry Cannon of Dardanelle, Ark., Patrick Cannon of Montrose, Iowa, and Karl J. Cannon of Keokuk; three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Marie) Chaknine of London, Ark., Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Mann of Calico Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Thomas (Bernice) Alberts of Alexandria, Mo.; two stepsons, Pete E. Carter of St. James, Mo., and Pat A. Carter of Columbia, Mo.; five brothers, Robert Cannon of Keokuk, Kenneth Cannon, Edwin Cannon, and Keith Cannon, all of Kahoka, Mo., and Rodney Cannon of Revere, Mo.; two sisters, Charlotte Fox of Alexandria, Mo., and Barbara Steele of Keokuk; 11 grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Cannon was preceded in death by one stepgrandchild.

He was a 45-year employee of Foote-Mineral in Keokuk, where he had been a foreman for 30 years before retiring in 1987. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He was an honorary member of the Clark County Rescue Squad.

Mr. Cannon entered the Masonic Brotherhood of Wayland, then became a member of Hardin Lodge 29 at Keokuk, before moving to Kahoka, where he joined Hiram Lodge 362, AF 9 AM. He attended Alexandria Presbyterian Church.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wilson Funeral Home in Kahoka with the Rev. Morris Springer officiating. Burial with military rites will be in Sand Cemetery at St. Francisville.

Visitation is today at the funeral home with family

meeting friends 7-9 tonight. A Masonic service will be at 7:30 tonight at the funeral home.

A memorial is established with Clark County Rescue Squad.

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Louis E. McKinstry died August 8, 1996.

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## OBITUARY

Keokuk Daily Gate – August 9, 1996

Louis Eileen “Chickie” Cannon  
April 8, 1929 – August 8, 1996

Louis Eileen “Chickie” Cannon, 67, of 111 S. Second St. Keokuk, died at 9:55 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, in Keokuk Convalescent Center.

She was born April 8, 1929, in Davenport, Iowa, to Harry W. and Anna M. McKinstry. She had been a resident of Keokuk since 1930. She was employed at Sullivan & Auwerda Clothing, and later at the A & P Grocery.

She married Guy W. Cannon on April 22, 1951, in St. Peter Catholic Church in Keokuk. She was a member of All Saints Catholic Church.

Survivors include: her sons, Harry W. Cannon of Dardanelle, Ark., Patrick M. Cannon of Montrose, and Karl J. Cannon of Keokuk; her daughters, Marle E. Cannon, Chaknine of London, Ark., and Bernice E. Cannon Alberts of Keokuk; 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at All Saints Catholic Church, with the Rev. Michael Spiekermeier officiating.

Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Keokuk. Visitation will be after 3 p.m. Sunday at Greaves Mortuary, and the family will meet with friends from 7 to 9 p.m. A Christian Vigil Service will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Greaves Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Catholic Schools or the Lee County Hospice, for the benefit of the family.

Greaves Mortuary of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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g. Charlotte Cannon married Mr. Fox

h. Barbara Cannon married Mr. Steele

**Charles Carrel (Carol) Linder** (Carrel<sup>g</sup>) was born in Versailles Alsace, France January 28, 1857 to Carol Linder and Mary Saunders(?). His mother was born in Switzerland. He immigrated to the United States from Liverpool, England in May, 1872 and arrived in New York, NY on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 1887.

1920 census indicates he was born in Alsace-Lorraine and speaks French.

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**NOTES** from Mildred Ellen Linder

Grampa Linder was born in Alsace-Lorraine (a region in

northeastern France, bordering the west bank of the Rhine and both banks of the Moselle north of the Vosges Mountains). He knew that he would have to enlist in the German Army so he emigrated when he was 17 years old by himself to come to New York. He spoke German and spoke no English. He was financed by an aunt. From New York he went to Illinois where he got a job on the Rail Road. He ended up in Edwardsville Illinois and from there went to Parson's Kansas. He came to Keokuk to see the opening of the dam and fell in love with the farmland. He met a Mr. Winkelman and worked about a deal to rent ground from the Winkelmans. He sent his family on and drove his mules from Parson's Kansas to the farm.

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Charles Carrel Linder married **Mary Ellen Laws** February 9, 1891 in Edwardsville, Il.

**Mary Ellen Laws** (William<sup>s</sup>, Fielding,<sup>g</sup>) was born in Donnellson, Illinois August 10, 1860 to William Laws and Mary Martha McCaslin.

Charles Carrel Linder died January 7, 1930 at 1:30 a.m. at 74 years of age. Mary Ellen Laws died February 13, 1911 at 50 years of age. They are interred in the Frazee Cemetery, Wayland, MO.

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## OBITUARY

Charles C. Linder was born January 28, 1857, at Collsville, Alsace, France, and passed away January 7, 1930 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. F. Moore, of Lee County, Iowa, where he was tenderly cared for, being at the time of his death, 72 years, 11 months and 7 days.

He came to this country when a young man, sailing from Liverpool, England, in 1872. He was married Feb. 9, 1891, at Donnellson, Ill., to Mary Ellen Clifford. To this union seven children were born. His companion preceded him in death in August 1926, as did one grandchild Anna Grace Linder on February 5, 1927.

He leaves to mourn his death the three sons and three daughters, namely, Walter and Alva of near Wayland, Mo.; Lester of Durrand, Mich.; Mrs. Merle Cohagen of near Wayland; Mrs. Alfred Crum of Fox City; and Mrs. O.F. Moore of near Argyle, Iowa; nine grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews, and other relatives and a host of friends.

Mr. Linder had been a prominent and prosperous farmer of Clark county for the past fifteen years, having retired from active life about two years ago to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Clara Moore.

His family has lost a most devoted parent and grand parent, the community a kind and good neighbor. The body was brought to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Merl Cohagen, where funeral services were held Friday, January 10, conducted by Rev. D. F. Bartine, after which the body was laid to rest in Frazee cemetery, south of Wayland. The pallbearers were Willard Coe, Lou Williams, Harry Crum, Sherman Soule, Nick Byrd and Bert Pullins. Mr. Linder was affiliated with the M.W.A. Lodge, being a member for over 30 years. The Woodmen held short services at the home.

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Charles Carrel Linder and Mary Ellen Laws had the

following children:

1. Walter William<sup>3</sup> Linder was born in Edwardsville, Illinois November 17, 1891. He married Mittie Pullins December 24, 1914. Walter died November 23, 1963 in Graham Hospital, Keokuk, IA, at 72 years of age. Mittie Pullins died October 26, 1975. They are buried in the Frazee Cemetery, Wayland, Mo.

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## **OBITUARY**

*Keokuk Gate City – November 25, 1963*

*KAHOKA, Mo – Walter William Linder, 72, of Wayland died Saturday at 10 p.m. in the Graham hospital at Keokuk. He had been ill several months.*

*Born November 17, 1891 in Edwardsville, Ill. he was the son of Charles and Mary Ellen Lawson Linder.*

*On December 24, 1914 in Kahoka he married Mittie Pullins. He was a member of the Wayland Baptist church.*

*Surviving are his wife, a daughter Mrs. Mildred Spurgeon of Wayland; two brothers, Alvie of Wayland and Lester of Wayne, Mich., three sisters, Mrs. Clara Moore of Argyle, Mrs. Hazel Cohagen of Wayland and Mrs. Gladys Crum of Mt. Pleasant and two grandchildren.*

*The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Wayland Baptist church with the Rev. Richard Adams officiating. Burial will be in the Frazee cemetery.*

*The body has been removed from the Guttin Funeral Home to the residence.*

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## **OBITUARY**

*Keokuk Gate City – October 27, 1975*

*Wayland, Mo. – Mittie Hazel Linder, 82, Wayland, died at 2:15 a.m., Sunday, at Keokuk Hospital East.*

*She was born Sept. 21, 1893, in Clark County, the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth McKinzie Pullins. She married Walter W. Linder December 24, 1914, in Kahoka. He preceded her in death November 23, 1963.*

*Mrs. Linder was a member of Wayland Baptist Church and a 50-year member of Royal Neighbors of America.*

*She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Mildred) Spurgeon, Revere; and two grandchildren.*

*Mrs. Linder was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.*

*A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Wayland Baptist Church. The Rev. Eugene Spurgeon will officiate. Interment will be in Frazee cemetery.*

*Arrangements are being made by Wilson Funeral Home.*

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Walter and Mittie had the following children:

- a. Mildred Ellen Linder was born in Wayland, Missouri September 1, 1916, She married Harold F. Spurgeon (born Mar 22, 1917), May 25, 1940. They had:
  - i. Alan Spurgeon – married Debbie
  - ii. Bruce Spurgeon – married Karen

Mildred died July 3, 2009.



## **OBITUARY – Clark Co. Mo.**

*WAYLAND, Mo – Mildred E. Spurgeon, 92, of rural Wayland, Mo died Friday, July 3, 2009, in the Clark County Nursing Home, Kahoka, Mo.*

*She was born on Sept. 1, 1916, in Wayland, Mo., the only child of Walter and Mittie H. Pullins Linder.*

*She married her high school sweetheart, Harold F. Spurgeon, on May 25, 1940, in the Hannibal Baptist Church. He survives.*

*Additional survivors include two sons, Alan Spurgeon and his wife, Debbie, of Oxford, Miss., and Bruce Spurgeon and his wife, Karen, of Kahoka; a grandchild, Emily Smeltser and her husband, Justin, of Alexandria, Mo.; a great-granddaughter, Sudney Smeltser; and several cousins, Mary Ellen Hitz, Marjorie Lipper and Doris Crum.*

*She was preceded in death by her parents.*

*She graduated from Wayland High School in 1933. She taught school prior to her marriage and farmed with Harold all of their married lives. She had spent the past eight months in the Clark County Nursing Home due to her declining health.*

*She was a member of the Southern Baptists Fellowship Church in Wayland and a former member of the Delphinium Garden Club. She grew a big garden for many years and loved to read. She and Harold enjoyed time spent attending many glass and antique shows and looking for Roseville Pottery, which she would buy and sell. She also loved to collect Norman Rockwell plates. She was very proud of her family and their accomplishments.*

*Services were held Sunday evening at Wilson Funeral Home, Kahoka, with Pastor Dan Steinbeck officiating.*

*Cremation followed.*

*Visitation was held after 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 6 p.m. until the time of services.*

*Memorials may be made to the Southern Baptist Fellowship Church in Wayland.*

*Online condolences may be expressed at [www.timeformemory.com/wilsonfh](http://www.timeformemory.com/wilsonfh).*

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Harold F. Spurgeon died July 25, 2011 aged 94.

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**OBITUARY** – *Daily Gate City*  
March 22, 1917 – July 25, 2011

WAYLAND, Mo. – *Harold F. Spurgeon, 94, of rural Wayland, Mo., died Monday, July 25, 2011, at his home.*

*He was born on March 22, 1917, in Wayland, the son of Adrian L. and Mary Montgomery Spurgeon.*

*He was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Mildred E. Linder, on May 25, 1940, at the Baptist Church, Hannibal, Mo. They had been married for 69 years at her death on July 3, 2009.*

*Survivors include: his two sons, Alan Spurgeon and his wife, Debbie, of Oxford, Miss., and Bruce Spurgeon and his wife, Karen, of Kahoka, Mo.; a granddaughter, Emily Smeltser and her husband, Justin, of rural Alexandria, Mo.; and two great-grandchildren, Sydney and Grant Smeltser.*

*He also was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Valetta Samuels; and an infant brother. Harold graduated from Wayland High School.*

*He was a lifelong farmer and was able to do so actively into his 80s. In the 1940s and early 1950s, he and Mildred operated a store on the corner of downtown Wayland.*

*Later in life, they attended glass and antique shows, buying and selling items. As a gunsmith, he was always on the lookout for a gun to purchase, repair and resell.*

*He had a genuine concern for family and friends and enjoyed time spent with them.*

*Services will be at 7 p.m. today at Wilson Funeral Home, Kahoka, with Pastor Dan Steinbeck officiating.*

*Cremation will follow.*

*Visitation is after 4 p.m. today at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 6 p.m. until the time of the services.*

*Memorials are suggested to the Clark County Food Pantry.*

*Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.*

*Online condolences may be expressed at [www.timeformemory.com/wilsonfh](http://www.timeformemory.com/wilsonfh).*

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2. Bessie Irene Linder was born in Donnellson, Illinois June 12, 1892. Bessie died August 27, 1925 at 33 years of age. She married Elonze Knight March 20, 1912. They had the following children:
  - a. Alice Mary Knight was born in Parsons, Kansas October 27, 1912
  - b. Charles William Knight was born in Parsons, Kansas August 8, 1919
  - c. Elonze Knight Jr was born in Parsons, Kansas April 30, 1924. Elonze died September 27, 1945
3. Clara Alice Linder was born in Donnellson, Illinois May 5, 1895. Clara died August 27, 1925 at 30 years of

age. She married Oscar Moore November 15, 1913 and had the following children:

- a. Maurice Allen Moore was born in Wayland, Missouri March 9, 1917
- b. Virginia Lee Moore was born in Wayland, Missouri May 29, 1921

Oscar died in 1965. He and Clara are buried in the Oakland/Meeks Cemetery in DesMoines township.

4. Alva Elbert Linder was born in Kansas, March 6, 1897. He married Eugenia Blaise January 15, 1919.

Alva Linder died October 5, 1972 at 75 years of age. His body was interred in Frazee Cemetery, Wayland MO.

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**OBITUARY**

*Keokuk Daily Gate – October 6, 1972*

WAYLAND, Mo. – *Alva E. Linder, 75, was dead on arrival at St. Joseph's hospital, Keokuk at 3:40 p.m., Thursday, October 9. He was involved in a two car accident about two miles west of Wayland on highway 136.*

*Linder operates a fruit and vegetable stand on the highway directly across from his home. He was headed west on the highway. Directly in front of his stand he apparently turned into the path of a car driven by Eddie Bogguss, 32, Rever, Mo. Bogguss is in Graham hospital, Keokuk, with facial lacerations. Both cars received considerable damage.*

*Elva Elbert Linder, the son of Chales and Mary Ellen Linder was born in Kansas, March 6, 1897. He married Eugenia Blaise, January 15, 1920. She survives.*

*Mr. Linder was a member of St. Martha's Catholic church, Wayland.*

*He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Alan (Mary Ellen) Filz, rural Kahoka; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Moore, Argyle, Ia.; Mrs. Gladys Crum, Council Bluffs, Ia.; three grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.*

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Eugenia Blaise died July 17, 1980.

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**OBITUARY**

*Keokuk Gate City – July 17, 1980 page 2*

*Services for Eugenie E. Linder, 88 (?) of Wayland, Mo., who died this morning in Keokuk Area Hospital, will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Martha's Catholic Church at Wayland with the Rev. Jerry Kaiman (?) officiating.*

*Burial will be in the Frazee Cemetery near Wayland.*

*Friends may call after 9 a.m. Friday at Shaffer and Sons Funeral home at Kahoka, with family meeting with friends 7-9 p.m. Friday. The rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday.*

*Born Nov. 27, 1896, at Wayland, she was the daughter of Peter and Rosa Schreck Blaise. She married Alva B. Linder in 1919 at Wayland.*

*She was a member of St. Martha's Catholic Church, Altar and Rosary Society, Royal Neighbors of Wayland, and Carnation Club.*

Survivors include daughter Mary Ellen Filz of rural Kahoka; sister Katie Elbe of Keokuk; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, three brothers and a sister.

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Alva Linder and Eugenia Blaise had the following children:

- a. Anna Grace Linder was born in Wayland, Missouri April 3, 1925. Anna died of pneumonia April 5, 1927. She is buried in the Frazee Cemetery, Wayland, Mo.
  - b. Mary Elaine Linder was born in Keokuk, Iowa August 3, 1930
  - c. Rose Elaine Linder was born in Keokuk, Iowa February 19, 1936. Rose died February 19, 1936
5. **Gladys Mae Linder** was born March 20, 1899.
6. Hazel Pauline Linder was born in Edwardsville, Illinois July 7, 1901. She married Mearl (Bud) Cohagan April 27, 1921. Hazel died July 24, 1972 at 71 years of age.
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## OBITUARY

Keokuk Daily Gate – July 25, 1972

ALEXANDRIA, Mo – Hazel Pauline Cohagan, 71, Alexandria, died at 11 p.m., Monday July 24 at Graham Hospital, Keokuk.

The daughter of Charles and Mary Lawson Linder, she was born in Edwardsville, Ill., July 7, 1901. She was married to Mearl Cohagan July 27, 1921. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Cohagan is survived by one son, Mearl J., Jr., Alexandria; one brother, Alva Linder, Wayland, Mo., two sisters, Mrs. Clara More, Argyle, Ia.; Mrs. Gladys Crum, Council Bluffs, Ia.; and two grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 27, at the Wilson Funeral Home, Kahoka. Interment will be in Frazee cemetery.

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Mearl "Bud" Cohagan and Hazel Linder had the following child:

- a. Mearl J. Cohagen Jr. was born in Keokuk, Iowa April 7, 1923. He married twice; he married Gertrude E. Bartels on April 23, 1943 (Gertrude died in 1944), he married Margaret Peterson on Sept. 21, 1947. Mearl died January 2, 1997.
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## OBITUARY

ALEXANDRIA, mo. – Mearl J. "Bud" Cohagan, 73 of Alexandria, mo., died Thursday, Jan. 2, in Hannibal Regional Hospital, Hannibal, Mo.

He was born April 7, 1923, in Keokuk, to Mearl and Hazel Linder Cohagan. He married Gertrude E. Bartels on April 23, 1943. She preceded him in death in 1944. He married Margaret Peterson on Sept. 21, 1947, in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include: two sons, Mearl E. "Gene" Cohagan, and his wife, Terrie, of Kahoka, and Kirk T. Cohagan of Kirksville, Mo.; two grandchildren, Clinton and Kelly Cohagan, both of

Kahoka; one aunt, Huba Watson of Keosauqua, Iowa; sisters-in-law, Clementine Peterson and Dorothy Peterson, both of Keokuk, and Phyllis Brown of Red Lodge, Mont.; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

He had farmed in Clark County all of his life. He was active in civic work, including serving as recent past-president of Clark County Farm Bureau and a current board member, had been a board member of the Clark County Ambulance District for 18 years, secretary of the former St. Francisville Levy District for a number of years, and was currently serving as president of the Wayland Alumni Association.

He was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk, Eagle Lodge #12 A.F. & A.M., Gate City Chapter No. 7 of Royal Arch Masons, Damascus Commandery #5 of the Knights Templar, all of Keokuk, and was a past member of the Elks.

Services were today at the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk, with the Rev. Thomas Reuss officiating.

Burial was in the Frazee Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk.

Wilson Funeral Home of Kahoka, Mo., was in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret died March 14, 2011 at the River Hills Village in Keokuk, IA.

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## OBITUARY

MARGARET L. "PETE" COHAGAN



Margaret Lucille "Pete" Cohagan, age 88, of Wayland, died Monday, March 14, 2011 at the River Hills Village in Keokuk, IA. She was born March 25, 1922 at Keokuk, IA, the only daughter of Theodore and Jennie Aleveta Peterson.

On September 21, 1947, she was united

in marriage to Mearl J. "Bud" Cohagan in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on January 2, 1997.

Survivors include two sons, Mearl E. "Gene" Cohagan and his wife, Theresa, of Kahoka, MO and Kirk T. Cohagan and his wife, Charlotte, of Lancaster, MO; four grandchildren: Clinton Cohagan and his wife, Melanie, of Lenexa, KS, Kelly Schofield and her husband, Danny, of Choctaw, OK, and Will and Kelsey Cohagan both of Lancaster, MO; special friend, Bill Cosgrove of Keokuk, IA; sister-in-law, Phyllis Peterson Brown of Billings, MT; as well as nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and three brothers: Ralph, Rudy, and Allen Peterson.

Margaret graduated from Keokuk High School. Most of her life was spent as a farm wife and stay-at-home mom. She was active in the membership of the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk, and was proud of her Swedish heritage. She was active in extension, the Clark Co. American Cancer Society Board, and worked with the Survivors for Relay for Life. She loved to sew and quilt, play cards and was an avid Cubs fan. She was known to make the best cookies in Clark County according to family and friends. More than anything, she loved spoiling her grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Rodney Underwood officiating. Burial was in the Frazee Cemetery, rural Alexandria, MO.

Memorials are suggested to the First Lutheran Church, Keokuk, IA or the American Cancer Society.

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Merl J. Cohagan had the following children:

- a. Mearl E. "Gene" Cohagan
- b. Kirk T. Cohagan

7. Lester Raymond Linder was born in Donnellson, Illinois February 21, 1904. Lester died May 28, 1967 at 63 years of age. He married Ruth Link August 24, 1929. Moved to Michigan for Barber school. Lester and Ruth had the following children:
  - a. Suzanne Linder was born in Bancroft, Michigan September 9, 1931
  - b. Kay Frances Linder was born in Bancroft, Michigan December 17, 1941

## Lester Carl Lipper married Millie Izetta Billings.

They had the following children:

1. Ora "Dean" was born February 18, 1923
2. Kenneth E Lipper was born July 5, 1929 in Wyconda, MO. He married Mary Ellen Evermon Aug. 25, 1950, in the Christian Church parsonage, Kahoka. Kenneth died October 9, 2005.

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### OBITUARY

Keokuk Gate City - Friday, October 21, 2005

Kenneth E. Lipper  
July 5, 1929 -- Oct. 19, 2005

KAHOKA, Mo. -- Kenneth E. Lipper, 76, of Kahoka, Mo., died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, in Blessing Hospital, Quincy, Ill.

He was born on July 5, 1929, in Wyaconda, Mo., the son of Lester and Millie Billings Lipper.

He was united in marriage to Mary E. Evermon on Aug. 25, 1950, in the Christian Church parsonage, Kahoka. She survives.

Additional survivors include: three sons, Dennis Lipper of Columbia, Mo., Randy Lipper and his wife,

Debbie, of Revere, Mo., and Carroll Lipper of Kahoka; a daughter, Becky Hopp, of Kahoka; 11 grandchildren, Shana and Tom Lindsey of Urbana, Mo., Jason Hopp of Wayland, Mo., Misty Howell of Kahoka, Shane Brakefield of Gillan, Mo., Heather and Scott Bethards of Leighton, Stephanie and Matt Kirchner of Alexandria, Mo., Amy Lipper of Quincy, and her boyfriend, Jesse Heimer, of Taylor, Mo., Miranda Lipper and her fiancé, Brent Goings, of Canton, Mo., Heidi Lipper of Kahoka, and her fiancé, Dustin Elder, serving in Iraq, and Kenneth W. "Bill" Lipper and Holly Lipper, both of Kahoka; 12 great-grandchildren, Jordan Lipper-Green, McKenzie and Riley Green, Ashley, Jarret, Blain and Shane Lindsey, Jewel Hopp, Rebecca Brakefield, Hunter and Cole Kirchner, and Leyton Bethards; a brother, William Clayton "Bobby" Lipper and his wife, Carol, of Sperry; two sisters, Twila Elder and her husband, James, of Mediapolis, and Willa Merle Bronstine and her husband, Virgil, of Canton; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Bessie Lipper of Hamilton, Marjorie Lipper of Montrose, Mildred Lipper of Burlington, George Evermon of Wyaconda, Howard and Gerry Evermon of Kahoka, Ernest and Leta Evermon of Hamilton, Ill., Vera Mae Shuler of Quincy, Frances Gregory of Fort Madison, Beulah and Joe Dobson of Montrose, Betty Fox of Revere, Laura and Harold Webber of Unionville, Mo., and Zola Marie Brammer of Kahoka; as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Raymond, Dean, and Delbert Lipper; three sisters, Diana Stutz, Delila Evermon and Nelda Mae Overhulser; a son-in-law, Keith Hopp; and a grandson, Brent Lipper.

He farmed for Ralph Plenge prior to his marriage and then went to work for the former Dryden's in Keokuk, retiring in 1991 after 40 years of service. He also did carpentry work for a number of years.

He was baptized into the membership of the Kahoka Christian Church. He loved to visit with friends, family, and neighbors and play horseshoes and cards. He was a John Wayne fan and enjoyed watching television, particularly Sanford and Son and Bonanza. He also loved spending time with family and camping. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Wilson Funeral Home, Kahoka, with the Rev. Shawn McAfee officiating.

Burial will follow in Kahoka Cemetery. Visitation is today at the funeral home, with family meeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Clark County Local Cancer Society or to the family.

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Kenneth and Mary Ellen had the following children:

- a. Dennis Lipper
  - b. Randy Lipper married Debbie
  - c. Carroll Lipper
  - d. Becky Lipper married Mr. Hopp
3. William Clayton "Bobby" Lipper married Carol
  4. Diana Marie Lipper was born September 11, 1921. She married Bradley Howard Stutz on June 29, 1940. She died May 7, 2003. Bradley died January 7, 1983.

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## OBITUARY

Diena Stutz

1921 - 2003

City of Birth: Wyaconda, Missouri

City of Death: Keokuk, Iowa

Diena Marie Stutz, 81, of Kahoka, MO, died Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at the Keokuk Area Hospital in Keokuk, IA. She was born September 11, 1921 in rural Wyaconda, MO, the daughter of Lester Carl and Millie Izetta Billings Lipper. On June 29, 1940, Diena was united in marriage to Bradley Howard Stutz in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on January 7, 1983. She is survived by one daughter, Louise McCoy and her husband Robert of West Liberty, IA, one son, Ronnie Stutz of Fallon, MO, one grandson, Michael Scott McCoy of Austin, TX, four sisters, Delila Evermon and her husband George of Wyaconda, MO, Nelda Mae Overhulser of Kahoka, MO, Twila Elders and her husband James of Burlington, IA, Willa Merle Bronstine and her husband Virgil of Canton, MO, two brothers, Kenneth Lipper and his wife Mary of Kahoka, MO, Clayton Lipper and his wife Carol of Sperry, IA, three sisters-in-law, Bessie Lipper of Hamilton, IL, Marjorie Lipper of Montrose, IA and Mildred Lipper of Burlington, IA. She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Raymond, Dean and Delbert Lipper and one brother-in-law, Wayne Overhulser. Diena had lived in Clark County all her life. She was a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ and the Sugar Creek Social Club. She was a devoted housewife, helping her husband on the farm. She was an excellent cook and seamstress. She enjoyed quilting, was an avid gardener and loved white cats, believing they brought her good luck. Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, May 9, 2003 at the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Kahoka, MO with Reverend Ken Beckmann officiating. Burial was in the St. Paul Cemetery in Kahoka, MO. Visitation was held after 11:00 A.M. Thursday with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 P.M. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka, MO. Memorials were made to the St. Paul United Church of Christ or the Donor's Choice. The Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka, MO was in charge of arrangements.

Diena and Bradley had the following children:

- a. Louise Stutz married Robert McCoy
  - b. Ronnie Stutz
5. Delila Fern Lipper was born April 10, 1925, in Clark County, Mo. She married George Evermon on Dec. 23, 1945, in Kahoka, Mo. Delila died October 14, 2004.

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## OBITUARY

Keokuk Gate City - Friday, October 15, 2004

Delila Fern Evermon

April 10, 1925 -- Oct. 14, 2004

WYACONDA, Mo. -- Delila Fern Evermon, 79, of Wyaconda, Mo., died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at the Clark County Nursing Home in Kahoka, Mo.

She was born April 10, 1925, in Clark County, Mo., a daughter of Lester and Millie Billings Lipper.

She married George Evermon on Dec. 23, 1945, in Kahoka, Mo. He survives.

Additional survivors include: three daughters, Dorothy Conover and her husband, Dean, of Wyaconda, Reta Varnold of Kahoka, and Barb Beaird and her husband, Alan, of Revere, Mo., a son, Vernon Evermon and his wife, Lois, of Wyaconda; six grandchildren, Russell Pratt and his wife, Shelley, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Angela Eakins and her husband, Ron, of Callao, Mo., Pamela Evermon and Ashley Varnold, both of Moberly, Mo., Sarah Varnold of Madison, Mo., and Brenda Curtis of Moline, Ill.; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Nelda Mae Overhulser of Kahoka, Willa Merle Bronstine and her husband, Virgil, of Canton, Mo., and Twila Elder and her husband Jim of Burlington; two brothers, Kenneth Lipper and his wife, Mary, of Kahoka, and William "Bobby" Lipper and his wife, Carol, of Sperry; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Evermon; a great-grandson; a sister; and three brothers.

She was a member of the Bear Creek Baptist Church.

She enjoyed sewing, embroidery, playing cards, watching soap operas and "The Price Is Right." She loved fishing and making donuts. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and cherished the time she spent with her family.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka, with the Rev. Beryl Cragg officiating.

Burial will be in the Kahoka Cemetery.

Visitation is after 11 a.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with family meeting with friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Kahoka Cemetery or the Blattner Cemetery.

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Delila and George had the following children:

- a. Dorothy Evermon married Dean Conover
  - b. Reta Evermon married Mr. Varnold
  - c. Barb Evermon married Alan Beaird
  - d. Vernon Evermon married Lois
  - e. Michael Evermon
6. Nelda Mae Lipper was born September 20, 1927. She married Wayne Overhulser. She died December 31, 2004.
7. Willa Lipper married Virgil Bronstine
8. Twila E. Lipper was born August 7, 1932 in Ashton, Clark County, MO. She married James Elder. She died August 1, 2006 in Burlington, Des Moines Co. Iowa age 73.

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**Nathan Neff Frazee** married **Edna**

**Vivian Eberheart**. They had the following children:

1. **Nathan Frazee** was born June 11, 1918

2. Harry Neff Frazee was born December 29, 1919 in Keokuk, IA. He married Della A. Murphy June 7, 1941. Della died March 15, 2005.

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## OBITUARY

### DELLA A. FRAZEE

Della A. Frazee, age 82, of Wayland, MO, passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at her home in Wayland.



She was born December 16, 1922 on the family farm near Alexandria, MO, one of thirteen children born to George H. and Nellie Conway Murphy.

She married Harry N. Frazee on June 7, 1941 at Memphis, MO. They would have celebrated 64 years of marriage this coming June.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Harry, of Wayland, MO; one son, Terry Frazee and his wife, Lynn, of Hallsville, MO; a daughter, Kathy Foldes and her husband, Stephen, of Des Moines, IA; a daughter-in-law, Lola Frazee, of Wayland, MO; five grandchildren: Sarah Wilhite and her husband, Kevin, of Chattanooga, TN, Scott Drummond and his wife, Sandy, of Hallsville, MO, Lisa Drummond of Denver, CO, Heather Drummond of Hallsville, MO, and Brandon Foldes of Cedar Falls, IA; faithful friend, Buddy the dog; four great grandchildren: Miles, Trevor, Connor and Collin Drummond, all of Hallsville, MO; one brother, Russell (Jack) Murphy and his wife, Margaret, of Kahoka, MO; two sisters-in-law, Loretta Murphy of Kahoka, MO and Doris Frazee-High of Keokuk, IA; as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, David E. Frazee on December 13, 2004; seven brothers: Jim, Allen (Pete), Verne, Roy, Arthur, Charles (John), and Robert Murphy; and four sisters: Mae Semones, Leta Welch, Minnie Murphy, and Ethyl Stump.

Della graduated from Wayland High School and then married her sweetheart, Harry. While Harry was in the service during World War II, Della was employed at J. C. Penneys in Keokuk, IA and loved her employment there. She later worked as head cook at Running Fox Elementary School for over 20 years until her retirement. She was also sexton for many years for the Frazee Cemetery.

She was a faithful member of the Wayland United Methodist Church and of the U.M.W. and generally could be found working in the kitchen whenever a dinner was going on. She was also a member of the

O'Donnell Camp # 9029, Royal Neighbors of America at Wayland and was a former member of Kahoka Chapter # 40, Order of Eastern Star. Della loved to cook and took pride in her cooking and baking. She was well known for her special sugar cookies with pink icing and cinnamon rolls. She was devoted to her husband and children and was very proud of her grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 19, 2005 at 11 a.m. at the Wayland United Methodist Church with Rev. Deborah Schmidt, Rev. Natie Frazee, and Rev. Dan Deatrack officiating.

Private inurnment will be held in Frazee Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the church.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to the Wayland United Methodist Church.

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Harry died November 3, 2005.

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## OBITUARY

### HARRY N. FRAZEE

Harry Neff Frazee, age 85, of Wayland, MO, passed away Thursday, November 3, 2005, at his home.

He was born December 29, 1919 in Keokuk, IA, a son of Nathan Neff and Edna Vivian Eberheart Frazee.

On June 7, 1941 he was united in marriage to his sweetheart, Della A. Murphy, in Memphis, MO. She preceded him in death on March 15, 2005.

Survivors include a son, Terry Frazee, and his wife, Lynn, of Hallsville, MO; a daughter, Kathy Foldes and her husband, Stephen, of Des Moines, IA; a daughter-in-law, Lola Frazee, of Wayland, MO; five grandchildren: Sarah Wilhite and her husband, Kevin, of St. Peters, MO, Scott Drummond and his wife, Sandy, of Hallsville, MO, Lisa Drummond of Denver, CO, Heather Drummond of Hallsville, MO, and Brandon Foldes of Cedar Falls, IA; four great-grandchildren: Miles, Trevor, Connor, and Collin Drummond, all of Hallsville, MO; special friend, Buddy the Dog; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law: Doris Frazee-High of Keokuk, IA, Loretta Murphy of Kahoka, MO, and Russell "Jack" and Margaret Murphy, also of Kahoka, MO; as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son, David E. Frazee on December 13, 2004; and brothers, Robert, Jim, and Nathan Frazee.

Harry was a 1938 graduate of Wayland High School.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the American Legion for over 50 years. He went to work for Midwest Carbide in Keokuk on May 20, 1942, retiring on April 1, 1983.

He was a member of the Wayland United Methodist Church and his church family was very special to him. Harry enjoyed fishing, gardening, taking care of his yard, and traveling. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wayland United Methodist Church with Rev. Natie Frazee and Rev. Deborah Schmidt officiating.

*Private inurnment will be in Frazee Cemetery.  
Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of services  
at the church.*

*Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to the  
Frazee Cemetery or the Wayland United Methodist  
Church.*

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Harry and Della had the following children:

- a. Terry Frazee married Lynn
  - b. Kathy Frazee married Stephen Foldes
  - c. David E. Frazee was born August 7, 1946 at Keokuk, IA. He married Lola L. Spiker at Argyle, IA July 8, 1972. He died December 13, 2004.
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## **OBITUARY**

### *DAVID E. FRAZEE*

*David E. Frazee, age 58, of Wayland, MO, died Monday, December 13, 2004 in the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.*

*He was born August 7, 1946 at Keokuk, IA, a son of Harry N. and Della Murphy Frazee. On July 8, 1972, he was united in marriage to Lola L. Spiker at Argyle, IA.*

*Survivors include his wife, Lola, of Wayland, MO; his parents, Harry and Della Frazee of Wayland, MO; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Charles and Katherine Spiker of Argyle, IA; one brother, Terry Frazee and his wife, Lynn, of Hallsville, MO, a sister, Kathy Foldes and her husband, Stephen, of Des Moines, IA; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, John Spiker, Pat Spiker, and Evonne and Donald Young, all of Argyle, IA, Alfred and Juliene Spiker of Montrose, IA, and Sylvia and Ed West of Keokuk, IA; aunts and uncle, Doris "Dode" High of Keokuk, IA and Jack and Margaret Murphy of Kahoka, MO as well as nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and other relatives.*

*He was preceded in death by his grandparents.*

*David graduated from Kahoka High School and attended Southeast Iowa Community College in Keokuk. He had been employed by Keokuk Steel Castings where he was nicknamed "Porky" from 1968 until retiring two years ago due to ill health. He had also served on the labor committee. He was a member of the Wayland United Methodist Church and in his free time loved to play golf.*

*Memorial services are Saturday, December 18, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at the Wayland United Methodist Church with Pastor Natie Frazee officiating. There will be no visitation.*

*Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to the Wayland United Methodist Church.*

*Arrangements are being handled by Wilson Funeral Home in Kahoka.*

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3. Robert Frazee
4. Jim Frazee