



Russell Heerts

May 11, 1921 - February 20, 2007

Russell was born May 11, 1921, in New Hartford, son of Fred and Jen Gersema Heerts. He married Esther Bender on August 1, 1942, in Memphis, Missouri. She preceded him in death on October 4, 1979. He then married Hilda Hagen Hoogestraat, on December 20, 1980, in Parkersburg.

Russ was a 1938 graduate of New Hartford High School. He served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII as a Corporal serving with the 114th Anti Aircraft Group. He was employed as a brakeman with Illinois Central Railroad from 1939 to 1942. He then owned and operated Heerts Royal Blue Grocery for 35 years, before becoming employed at UNI until retiring in 1983. He was Past President of New Hartford School Board and was a member of the Iowa Retail Grocers Association. Russ loved to golf and bowl.

Survivors include: his second wife, Hilda; a son, Steven (Doris) Heerts, of New Hartford; a daughter, Jean (Jim) Markussen of Cedar Falls; four grandchildren, Timothy (Anna), Daniel (Shelly), and Jason (Sarah) Heerts, and Kelly (Jeff) Tilson; ten great grandchildren, Hannah, Seth, Caleb, Joshua, Aaron, Elijah, Steven Jon, and Samuel Heerts, and Drake and Devon Tilson; two stepsons, Tom (Mary) Hoogestraat of Parkersburg, and Ron (Linda) Hoogestraat of Marion; a stepdaughter Vicki (Mike) Reuckert of Jefferson, SD; a step son-in-law, Del (Nancy) Jungling of Reinbeck; 14 step grandchildren; and 19 step great grandchildren.

Russell died Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at Western Home Communities

Martin Center in Cedar Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; and a step daughter, Delores Jungling.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Markussen & family,*

May God be with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Katy Thompson

February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM