



## Raymond Francis Gram

September 29, 1928 - May 24, 2010

Raymond Francis Gram, 81, of Hampton, died Monday, May 24, 2010 at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. A private memorial service will be held for the family on May 28, 2010. Raymond was born September 29, 1928 on a farm near Clarion, the son of Bertel and Edna (Francis) Gram. Raymond was united in marriage to Gertrude Marjorie Perkins on September 15, 1945 at Hampton and to this union were born sons Ronald, Roger, Jerry and Larry. Gertrude and Raymond were married for 31 years, until her passing in 1976. Raymond and Nadine Mae Freese were married December 18, 1976 at Nashua and were married for 33 years. Raymond was educated in Rowan and retired in 1985 after working for 31 years at Maytag in Hampton. He loved Iowa and called it "God's Country." Raymond enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, camping and traveling with his family. He had an easy going manner, enjoyed visiting with people, and will be truly missed by many. Those preceding Raymond in death are his parents, wife Gertrude, sons Ronald, Roger, Jerry and sister Marion Aldrich. He is survived by his wife, Nadine Gram of Hampton, son Larry (Evonne) Gram of Forest City, grandsons Phillip (Kendra) Gram of Forest Grove, OR and Matthew (Erin) Gram of Cornelius, NC; daughter in-law, Cherri Gram of Newton, granddaughter Michelle (Jeff) Brunsen of Urbandale, grandson Troy Gram of Des Moines; three step-children, Sandy (Chuck) Olk of Latimer, Cathy (Tom) Hensel of Brainerd, MN, Rick Freese of Waverly; seven step-grandchildren, Benjamin (Vickie) Hensel of Cedar Rapids, Jill Hensel of Brainerd, MN, Scott (Becky) Olk of Estherville,

Holly (Steve) Martin of Clarion, Erin (John) Reeves of Rifle, CO, Nicole (Mike) Taylor of Marshalltown, Andrew Freese of Eldora; brother Robert Gram of Belmond, sister Shirley (John) Lager of Clarion.