

Memorial services for Donald E. Miles, 87, of rural Riceville, were held Saturday, December 22 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church-United Church of Christ in Riceville. Mr. Miles passed away on Wednesday, December 19 at the Howard County Hospital in Cresco. Officiating at the services were the Reverends Dale Coakley and Rita Coakley, assisted by Reverend Dan Duggan, a nephew of the deceased.

Donald E. Miles was born April 2, 1897, at Riceville, Iowa. He was the son of William and Stella Miles. He was united in marriage to Ella Nielsen on December 8, 1926, and they lived their entire married life on the farm east of Riceville, where he was born.

Mr. Miles was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church-United Church of Christ, a 62-year member of the American Legion, a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge and the Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; two sons, Nelson of Riceville and Philip of Mankato, Minnesota' two daughters, Louise Swanson of Mason City and Linda Pagel of Sumner' fifteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren' one brother, Manley of Riceville and one sister, Lauraine Dinger of Riceville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two granddaughters, Susan Miles and Denise Miles.

Mr. Miles requested that his body be donated to the Mayo Foundation at Rochester, Minnesota. A private family service was held at the hospital immediately following his death.