

DALE SWANSON

MASON CITY - Dale Swanson, 77, of 92 River Heights Dr., died Thursday (Feb. 17, 2000) at St. Marys Hospital, Rochester, Minn., of respiratory failure due to ALS.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 100 First St. N.E., Mason City, with the Rev. Richard D. Scheerer officiating. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City, with full military rites at graveside by Mason City Memorial Association.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Major Erickson Funeral Home, 111 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Mason City, and one hour prior to the services at the church Monday.

Virgil Dale Swanson was born on Sept. 21, 1922, in Hartington, Neb. He was the only son of Alfred Nels and Gertrude I. (Lundberg) Swanson. Dale attended country school in Hartington and Bloomfield, Neb., until his family moved to Northwood, where he graduated from high school in 1940.

Dale served in the United States Navy for three years (1943-46). After his discharge he attended Luther College in Decorah for two and a half years. He graduated from Iowa State University in Ames.

Dale was united in marriage with Louise E. Miles on Dec. 20, 1953, in Riceville. They made their home in Mason City.

From 1954-56 he taught veterans in the Farm Training Program. He was a cattle buyer for Armour and Company for 13 years, Blue Ribbon Beef for four years and Iowa Beef Processors for 18 years. He retired in 1988.

Dale was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, the American Legion, and the Elks and Masonic Lodge.

He will be missed by his wife, Louise, Mason City; his daughters, Janet Dean, Mason City, and Eileen Mediger and her husband, Randy, Waterville, Minn.; four grandchildren, Brandee and Gary Dean, Mason City, and Jordan and Kayla Mediger, Waterville, Minn.; two great-grandchildren, Garret and Morgan; one sister, Maxine Darnall and her husband, Lloyd, Brookings, S. D.; his mother-in-law, Ella Miles, Riceville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law.

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