

George Sorensen, 78

Jan. 13, 1928 - March 31, 2006

COUNCIL BLUFFS — George A. Sorensen was born Jan. 13, 1928, in Pipestone, MN, to Herman and Austra Berg Sorensen. He graduated from Bancroft High School and Wayne State College. He served in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1948.

In 1953, George married Rosemary Wortman. They were blessed with four children, Frances, Michael, Carrie, and Gail. He taught History and Drivers Education at Tri-Center High School, and was the founding coach of the football program there in 1961. During his years as a football coach, he led his teams to the Tri-County Conference Championships in 1962, 1963 and 1966. He stepped down as a football coach after the 1969 season, but continued to teach until his retirement in 1989, after more than 30 years with the Tri-Center School District. George was a member of the Wayne State Football Hall of Fame. He died March 31, 2006, at age 78 years, two months and 18 days.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by sisters, Helen, Dorothy Erickson, and Karen Palmer; brothers, Francis, Sonny, and Donald. Survivors include his wife, Rosemary of Council Bluffs; daughters, Frances Clark (Lilbon) of Willmar, MN; Carrie Sorensen of Saginaw, MI; Gail Pogge (Dan) of Minden; son, Michael (Joni) of Phoenix, AZ; seven grandchildren; one step granddaughter; sisters, Lorraine Pizzoi (Angelo), Betty Palmer (Richard), Delores Mendoza all of Livermore, CA, Joan Forney (Jerry) of Sparks, NV; brothers, Harold (Karen) of Pullman, WA, Harlan Swede (Janet) of Greeley, CO; sister-in-laws, Mardell Sorensen of S. Sioux City, NE, and Rosemary Sorensen of Livermore, CA.

Memorial services were held April 4, 2006, in Neola with Rev. Peggy Hall officiating. Military honors were by American Legion Post #2. Honorary casket bearers were Rochelle Sykes, Lesli Sorensen, Sarah Pogge, Ben Clark, Danielle Pogge, Joe Clark, Justine Pogge, and Rosie Sorensen. Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in Council Bluffs in charge of arrangements.