

William Wendall Upchurch, 72 died on Monday, October 23, 2006 at his rural home in Colo from complications of a heart ailment. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 26 at the United Methodist Church in Colo with Pastor James Roth and Chaplain James Tener officiating. A luncheon will be served immediately following the service. Interment and Masonic services will be held 1:00 p.m. at the Colo Cemetery.

William (Bill) was born November 25, 1933 near Zearing, Iowa, the son of Clyde and Zelma (Brake) Upchurch. Bill graduated from Fertile High School in 1951. He was united in marriage to Jarlyn Ouverson June 8, 1952 in Fertile, Iowa. They moved to Enfield, Illinois and farmed for 3 years before moving to Colo in 1956. He was a member of the Colo United Methodist Church where he had served on the church board. He was a successful farmer who enjoyed every aspect of farming as well as being a devoted husband and father. Some of his favorite hobbies included fishing, the cattle business, and enjoying his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was also a member of the Masonic Columbia Lodge No. 292, A.F. & A.M. and served as Worshipful Master.

Bill is survived by his wife Jarlyn (Ouverson) Upchurch of Colo; three sons and two daughter-in-laws, Perry and Nancy Upchurch and Lindsay Upchurch, all of Colo and Kendall and Sue Upchurch of Zearing; a daughter, Julie Upchurch of Coralville, Iowa; 10 grandchildren, Amy Kohlwes, Jennifer Kelly, Tori Upchurch, Tonda Huckvale, Sara Clausen, Seth Upchurch, Nicolas Upchurch, Catherine Upchurch, Tia Upchurch-Freelove, and Alexandra Upchurch; six great grandchildren, Grant Huckvale, Jacob Huckvale, Josephine Kelly, Callie Kohlwes, Rylee Upchurch, and William Clausen.

He is also survived by four brothers, Byron Upchurch of the Philippines, Bruce Upchurch of Des Moines, Barry Upchurch of Nevada and Brent Upchurch of Colorado Springs, CO; a sister, Betty Arnold of Portland, OR.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and one infant brother, Bradford Upchurch.

A memorial fund has been established.

Chet Ryan Mortuary has been entrusted with Bill's arrangements.