

Morris Ward Fender, one of two children of Morris Oliver Fender and Mabel Cecil (Varley) Fender, was born on his parent's farm near Imogene, Iowa. He attended country school near his home and graduated from the Shenandoah, Iowa high school in 1935. Ward farmed with his family until his marriage to Marthabelle Ludington on April 11, 1939. They established their first home south of Emerson, Iowa where Ward continued to farm. Their marriage was blessed with five children,

Marcia, Morris (Bill), Marnie, Martin, and Margo.

Ward learned to weld and established a shop in nearby Hastings. Ward eventually gave up farming and expanded his welding business and became an expert machinist, metal fabricator, crane operator, and millwright. Ward loved to work and was faithful to his many customers.

Ward was a member of the Humanity Masonic Lodge No. 378 of Emerson and enjoyed the comradeship of his fellow Masons.

Marthabelle's health began to fail and Ward devoted more and more time to her care. In 2003, Marthabelle moved to the Red Oak Rehabilitation and Care Center where Ward visited each day and stayed long into the evenings. Marthabelle died on April 3, 2004, just eight days before their 65th wedding anniversary.

Ward died at their Hastings, Iowa home on September 4, 2004 at the age of 86 years, 2 months, and 29 days. In addition to his beloved Marthabelle, Ward was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by their five children, Marcia Vanderpool of Gray, Louisiana, Morris (Bill) Fender of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Marnie Hamilton and her husband Jerry of Hastings, Iowa, Martin Fender and his wife Jill of Glenwood, Iowa, and Margo Bolton and her husband Ken of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; brother Edward Dean Fender of Columbia, Missouri; 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Memorials Suggested to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105

Following the committal service, you are invited to join the family for lunch and fellowship at the Hastings United Methodist Church.

# In Loving Memory MORRIS WARD FENDER

June 5, 1918 – September 4, 2004 86 years – 2 months – 29 days

VISITATION AND MASONIC RITES

Mansfield-Hertz Funeral Home
208 East 4th Street
Malvern, Iowa
Thursday, September 9, 2004
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
MASONIC RITES

8:00 P.M. by

Humanity Masonic Lodge No. 378 Emerson, Iowa

### FUNERAL SERVICES

Mansfield-Hertz Funeral Home Friday, September 10, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. Pastor Craig Larsen, Officiant Assembly of God Church Red Oak, Iowa

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Joseph Vanderpool<br/>Duane PaulsonKelly Bolton<br/>Matt FenderTroy Bare<br/>Daniel Vanderpool, JRDavid Vanderpool<br/>Wade FenderTrent BareMarshall FenderWade FenderKen Bolton

#### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Paul CarlstedtLanny GoyRoger WoodfillPaul HowardBerl MorrisJohn JenningsCharles PhelpsAllan BurdicJerry HamiltonDaniel Vanderpool, SRRodney Grindle

## REGISTRY ATTENDANT

Linda Hascall

**USHERS** 

William Frazee L. Ron Curtis

MUSIC

"The Old Rugged Cross"

INTERMENT Rose Hill Cemetery Shenandoah, Iowa



HERTZ FUNERAL HOMES

Carson, IA - Malvern, IA - Glenwood, IA

In Memoriam