

## Obituary

Warner D. Malmberg, son of John and Hulda (Carlson) Malmberg, was born on September 29, 1910, on the home farm northwest of Essex, Iowa. At the age of 92, he passed away on January 4, 2003, at the Garden View Care Center in Shenandoah, Iowa. Warner was the fourth of six children. He attended Windy Summit Country School through the 8th grade and attended Essex High School. After his freshman year, he was needed to help with the farming.

On March 20, 1940, he married a neighbor girl, Fern Rennack. They drove to Sioux City, Iowa, and were married in a parsonage there. They settled on a farm near Essex. His father gave them two sows and two milk cows to help get started. Warner farmed for many years. He enjoyed telling stories of his past and recalled picking corn for three cents per bushel when corn sold for ten cents a bushel; and working with horses and mules until tractors came on the scene.

Warner and Fern had no children but loved animals, especially their chihuahua, "Princess". After retiring they lived in Essex for a short time before moving into Shenandoah. As a team, Warner and Fern worked cleaning the City National Bank for 6 1/2 years. They were active members of the First Baptist Church. Warner was head usher for 50 years and attended church regularly. He enjoyed attending Senior Citizens Fridays at the Shenandoah Armory. Warner also enjoyed taking rides to the countryside to check the progress of the crops. He had resided at Garden View since 1998.

Preceding Warner in death were his parents; wife, Fern in August of 1983; brothers, Ivan, Harold, Emery and Loren Malmberg; and sister, Cynthia James. Survivors include his brother-in-law, Charles Rennack of Shenandoah, one niece, twelve nephews and their families, other relatives and friends.

Following the services at the cemetery you are invited to the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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