

PCCR 9-21-2011

Wilbur Baltisberger, 82

Wilbur Baltisberger, 82, of Grinnell, formerly of Malcom, passed away on his birthday, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center under Hospice Care. He battled cancer for over five years. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 19, at the First United Presbyterian Church in Montezuma with Pastor George Salmave officiating. Interment will be held in the Pleasant Township Cemetery in Ewart. In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift may be given to Grinnell Regional Hospice or First United Presbyterian Church building/refurbishing fund. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Irving Wilbur Baltisberger was born Sept. 16, 1929, at the farm home south of Malcom, where he lived in the same house and enjoyed the country life for almost 82 years. Wilbur and Darlene moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell on July 8, 2011.

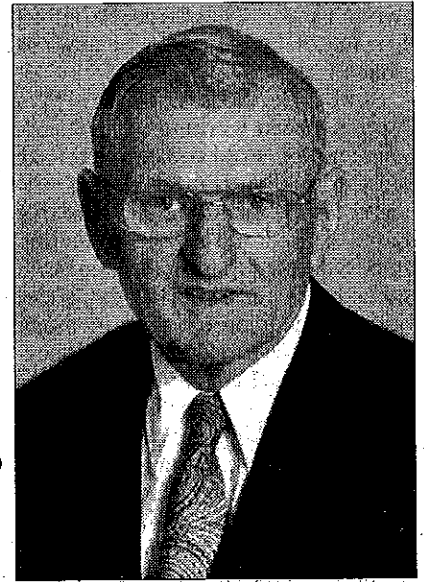
His parents were Irvington John and Lodi Gardner (Carpenter) Baltisberger. He graduated from Montezuma High School in the spring of 1947 with athletic honors. He attended Boys State. His classmates always called him Balsey. After the death of his father in January 1949, he engaged with his mother in farming and dairying. On Aug. 9, 1953, Wilbur was united in marriage to Darlene Vesta (Johnston) at the Montezuma Presbyterian Church where he also became a member later in life.

In 1976, he started his own business Baltisberger Pump Service, Inc. After suffering a stroke in 2001, he continued to work on the farms and enjoyed restoring Farmall tractors, sports (especially the Iowa Hawkeye games), traveling (his favorite trip was Australia and New Zealand), dancing, playing 500, FreeCell, keeping the grandchildren, and looking forward to Pastor George visiting. Wilbur organized DHIA (dairy testing) in our area, served as President of Malcom Manor for several years, was a member of Poweshiek County Farm Bureau and a member of First United Presbyterian Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brother, Ronald Baltisberger; and his sister, Odessa (Baltisberger) Douglass.

Wilbur is survived by his wife of 58 years, Darlene Baltisberger, of Grinnell; two daughters Penne (Steve) Gatton of West Des Moines and Candy (Ray) Jobst of Macungie, Pa.; four grandchildren, Kyle and Steffe Gatton, April and Nathan Jobst; two sisters, Lois Van Gorp of Ames and Edna Badger (Howard) Badger of Badger; a foster brother, Frank Monte (June) of Tinley Park, Ill.; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

I. Wilbur Baltisberger



GHR 10-20-2011

I. Wilbur Baltisberger, 82, of Grinnell and formerly of Malcom died of cancer Sept. 16, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, under hospice care.

Services with Pastor George Salmave officiating were held Sept. 19 at First United Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, with visitation at the church the previous evening. Burial was in Ewart Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the Montezuma First United Presbyterian Church's building/refurbishing fund.

Irving Wilbur Baltisberger, son of Irvington John Baltisberger and Lodi Gardner Carpenter Baltisberger, was born Sept. 16, 1929, on the family farm near Malcom where he would live his whole life. On Aug. 9, 1953, he was united in marriage with Darlene Vesta Johnson.

He remained on the family farm and worked as a dairy farmer with his mother, and in 1976 also started his own business, Baltisberger Pump Service, Inc.

He was a member of Farm Bureau and the First Presbyterian Church, and served as president of Malcom Manor. He enjoyed traveling, following the Iowa Hawkeyes, card games and dancing.

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