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Mervin A. Ellison, age 96, of Moravia, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Oakwood Specialty Care in Albia.

He was born September 4, 1923 in Albia, Iowa, the son of Roy and Bernice (Turner) Ellison. Raised in Moravia, Mervin graduated from Moravia High School. He was united in marriage to Marie Helen Kauzlarich on March 17, 1945 and to this union, two children were born, Jim and Ron.

Mervin owned and operated Ellison Construction for thirty-five years until his retirement. Along with his professional dedication to his business throughout his working career, Mervin also emphasized the importance of giving back to his community through civic action. For instance, he spent many years as a councilman on the Moravia City Council. Furthermore, Mervin volunteered many hours restoring and improving the infrastructure throughout the community, including grading both the Moravia school track and ball fields, as well as assistance in numerous structural improvements to many community buildings.

It should be noted that Mervin and Marie enjoyed many winters in Florida throughout the years. Most importantly, he cherished the time he was able to spend with his family, especially his children and grandchildren's sporting events.

Mervin is survived by his wife, Marie Helen Kauzlarich of Moravia, Iowa; two children, Jim Ellison of Liberty, Missouri and Ron (Patti Meyer) Ellison of Ottumwa, Iowa; a brother, Ken Ellison of Ackworth, Iowa; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and two sisters-in-law, Judy Kauzlarich of Centerville, Iowa and Rose (Robert) Widmer of Silvis, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two siblings, Dorothy Marie Valentine and Mary Ellen Lathen; in-laws, George and Tina Kauzlarich; a daughter-in-law, Dixie Ellison; four sisters-in-law;



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five brothers-in-law; and two nephews.

According to wishes, cremation has been accorded and private graveside services will be held in Mervins honor. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Care Initiatives Hospice and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:19 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:15 PM



JD

Janiece Douglas posted:

We've had the pleasure of knowing Merve through sharing a back yard with him and speaking with him on many occasions when he was mowing his lawn. He was always so friendly & had a smile on his face & he always waved at us every time he drove by . We are saddened to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers go.out to Marie and the rest of his family. May you RIP.

April 15 at 7:00 PM



MJ

Myra James posted:

I was so sorry to hear this news. Merv was a kind and giving man. He was so good to help out my dad many, many times. Marie and family please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

April 11 at 7:00 PM



JP

Jerry Power posted:

When we moved to Moravia in 1983, a man came walking across the yard, introduced himself and asked can I give you a hand moving in He helped us move in and we became great neighbors and I found a great friend. When they went to Florida in the late fall, he would drop by the office hand me the key to his home and ask would you check on it for us Always checked once or twice a week making sure the furnace was on and no water leaks. For the past several years he would stop by the office two or three times a week and we'd chat and have some good laughs. I'll miss those visits, I already do. He was still extremely sharp at 96. May you Rest in Peace Merv, our family will miss you! Marie, Jim, Ronnie, Kenny, and the rest the Power Family sends our most sincere condolences to you!

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Paul Witt posted:

Always admired Mervin as a business man and successful inverstor. Always considered Merv a friend and also served on Moravia City Council with him. He will certainly be missed by me and many others. Rest in peace Merv.

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