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Lawrence DeVore, 92, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2020 in his Newton home surrounded by his loving family. Born on a farm near Seymour, Iowa on November 20, 1927, Lawrence Karol DeVore was one of the eight children belonging to Leonard and Edra (Mead) DeVore to be born in the family's home. He attended Seymour High School before going on to work for the Maytag and Case Companies. Soon after, Lawrence returned to being a steward of the land, a job he would cherish for the rest of his life. Lawrence farmed in Wayne, Appanoose, and Jasper Counties and worked for Lester Pfister, Fontanelle and Seed-Tec as a District Sales Manager for all three. With this company, he received the Salesman of the year award many times with Lester Pfister Corn Company. In 2019 at the Iowa State Fair, Lawrence and his family received a Century Farm Award for their farm in Wayne County. Lawrence enjoyed farming, gardening, hunting, fishing (especially in Canada with his family), and being social. After Lawrence retired, he spent time working for Hendrick's Nursery and Greenhouse and Hy-Vee, two jobs that he loved doing. He had many interests and loved talking with anyone about any topic. Lawrence was united in marriage to the love of his life, Betty McCoy, on May 6, 1950, at the First United Methodist Church in Newton, Iowa. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this past May. Lawrence was a member of the Metz Church in Newton, Iowa where he was a deacon and faithful servant. Lawrence is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Yvonne (Jack) Ross, Richard (Eileen) DeVore, Maxine (Randy) Taylor, and Rita (Barry) Roberts; eight grandchildren, Kelly (Steve) Cope, Shawn Ross, Shelly Jensen, Jeremy (Brandita) Taylor, Daniel (Alicia) DeVore, Tammy (Matt) Davis, Kacie (Bart) Whipps and Derek Roberts; 16 great-grandchildren and 3 great- great-grandchildren, brother, Kenneth DeVore and sister, Donna Caldwell. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Nile, Roger, Ruth, Leslie and Keith; his parents-in-law, Guy and Bertha McCoy, and many nieces and nephews and other



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in-laws. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville. Visitation will be held prior from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Interment will immediately follow services at Oakland Cemetery in Centerville. Condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com or [facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome). Cemetery Details Oakland Cemetery State St. N. 21st St.

Centerville, IA 52544 Visitation JUN 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[(#)]
Funeral Service JUN 15. 11:00 AM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[(#)]



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 4:25 PM



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



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Steve & Cheri Spurgeon posted:

Steve & Cheri Spurgeon sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence DeVore

June 14 at 7:00 PM



Steve posted:

So sorry for your loss, we just heard about the passing of your dad Yvonne. You're all in our thoughts & prayers. heartprayskin-tone-2heart

June 14 at 7:00 PM



Dennis And Cindy posted:

Dennis And Cindy lit a candle in memory of Lawrence DeVore

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Media

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