



Ericson, Tom L

Sioux City, IA

Signal Company

Tom L. Ericson, 87, a life-long Sioux City resident, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, at Sunrise Retirement Community following an extended illness.

Services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Augustana Lutheran Church, with the Rev. John Hagberg of St. Mark Lutheran Church officiating. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, with the family present 6 to 8 p.m., at Nelson-Berger Northside Chapel.

Tom was born July 3, 1916, in Sioux City, the son of Andrew and Anna (Ericson) Ericson. he attended Sioux City schools, graduating from Central High School in 1934. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II, stationed in the Philippines.

In 1943, he married the former Margaret Murphey in Sioux City. For several years, he was employed as a railroad ticket agent and telegrapher for the Milwaukee Railroad. For many years he was the regional manager for American General Life Insurance Co. and also owned and operated Travel Unlimited until his retirement in 1980.

He was a member of Augustana Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council, the finance and evangelism committees and the church archives. He was a part of the founding of Siouxland Lutheran Men. He was a member of Sioux City Noon Lions Club, a charter member of Mended Hearts, a member of VASA Lodge and the Court Street Gang. He was a volunteer at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center and the Children's Cardiac Clinic. He also served on the Human Rights Commission.

He enjoyed traveling, gardening, genealogy, volunteering and the mutual love and admiration of his family.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Jane and her husband, the Rev. Del Olivier, Susie and her husband, Doug Strohbeen, and Ginny Ericson, all of Sioux City; a brother, Bertil of Sioux City; two sisters, Dorothy Dahl of Bellingham, Wash., and Astrid "Toss" Gaffga of Guilderland, N.Y.; grandchildren, Kirk Petersen and his wife, Candace of Everett, Wash., Eric Olivier of Sioux City, Mike and Hillary Strohbeen of Urbandale, Iowa, Andy Strohbeen of Denver, Colo., and Kris and Jeremy Craighead of Sioux City; four great-grandchildren, Austin and Madison Craighead, Salem Strohbeen and Ryan Petersen; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be Kirk Petersen, Eric Olivier, Mike Strohbeen, Andrew Strohbeen, Jeremy Craighead and Oliver Nygard.

Memorials may be directed to Augustana Lutheran Church.