



## Darrel Ensz

April 23, 1923 - November 18, 2007

Darrel Ensz: Darrel Ensz passed away on Sunday of a short illness at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, IA at the age of 84 years, 6 months and 26 days of age.

His family includes his beloved wife Vera; his children: Judith and Alan Flax of Bettendorf, IA; and Joe Amissah of Milwaukee, WI; his grandchildren; Robert Flax of Bettendorf, IA; Pamela and Russell Laws of Lincoln, NE; Eric and Jessica Flax of Bettendorf, IA and Keisha Amissah of Milwaukee, WI; and his great grandchildren and ""buddies"": Zachary McDearmon, Alex Flax, and Daniel, Benjamin and Rachel Laws. He is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Donald & Martha Ensz of Marion, SD; sisters and brothers-in-law: Evelyn & Raymond Butterfield of Marion, SD; Elaine & Wesley Tschetter of Sioux Falls, SD; Martha Beckman of Marion, SD; and Alice & Donald Burling of Aurora, NE.

Darrel Ensz, son of John and Mamie Perry Ensz, was born April 23, 1923, in Omaha, Nebraska. He was a 1941 Marion, South Dakota High School graduate. While at church camp as a youth, Darrel met the love of his life, Vera Arlene Messer; they married February 18, 1943 in Trenton, Iowa. Darrel furthered his education at C.E.I. in Chicago and Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1952. He served as a pastor for numerous churches following his education at C.E.I. and while he was in school at Bethel College. Following his graduation he was employed at Vennard College in University Park, Iowa, where he served as a Professor and Dean of Students. In 1955 he received his Master's Degree in Psychology from the University of Iowa and in 1956 he began working at William Penn College in Oskaloosa as a Professor and Dean of Students. He took a job with the State Department of Rehabilitation in Ottumwa in 1967 for one year and then took a position at Indian Hills Community College as an administrator. He remained there until his retirement in 1985, at which time he and Vera moved to Bettendorf to be near their daughter. In 2003, Darrel and Vera returned to Oskaloosa, where their son, John was living. Recently, ill health required their move back to Bettendorf. Darrel enjoyed woodworking and was an avid reader. He was a member of the College Avenue Friends Church in Oskaloosa and recently had attended the First

Baptist Church in Davenport.

He was preceded in death by a son, John and a sister, Mary Lou Gray.

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