

Vergil C. Wenell, age 88, of Albert City, Iowa, died Friday, December 23, 2005 at Hovenden Good Samaritan Center in Laurens, Iowa.

Vergil Carl Wenell was born on January 14, 1917 in rural Albert City, Iowa to Carl David and Mabel (Johnson) Wenell. He lived with his family and attended country school through the 8th grade in rural Albert City. He received his baptism and confirmation from the Mission Covenant Church in Albert City.

On June 30, 1947, Vergil was united in marriage to Wanetta Ramona Olson in Omaha, Nebraska. They lived in the Albert City area, where they raised their family and farmed.



In April 1985, Vergil retired from active farming but remained proud of his country roots. Currently, he was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church, for which he had served as trustee in the past. Vergil was active in the farm and local community. He was a past president of the Pocahontas County Farm Bureau, served 16 years on the Albert City City Council, 6 years on the Board of Directors on Northwest

Aging, as well as a member of the Highway 20 commission.

Vergil greatly enjoyed expanding his toy collection. He loved traveling and made yearly trips to Branson, Missouri, as well as two trips to Sweden to visit family. Over the years, Vergil had visited most of the states in the United States.

Those preceding Vergil in death are his parents, David and Mabel Wenell; three brothers: Arnold, Paul and Emery Wenell; sister, Laverne Swanson; and brother-in-law, Richard Swanson.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Wanetta Wenell of Albert City; sons: Charles Wenell of Lincoln, Nebraska, Elwood Wenell of Albert City, Mike Lynch and his wife Donna of Redfield, Iowa; daughter, Sandra Kies and her husband Harlan of Newell; grandchildren: Jamie Kies, Melissa Payne and her husband Tom, Pamela Manary and her husband Corey, Brandon Kies and Travis Kies; great grandchildren, Samantha Kies and Colton Payne; brother Delbert Wenell and his wife Karen of King City, Missouri; sister, Lorraine Bloom and her husband George Jr. of Guilford, Connecticut; as well as other extended family and friends.



Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but
The sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,
But I'm not so far away. We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear, and be glad-
I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from our heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all "Love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as our Father said to do,
For I can't count the blessings or the love He has for each of you.
So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

~ Angela Crawford



In Loving Memory



Vergil C. Wenell



1917 – 2005

In Memory Of

Vergil Carl Wenell

January 14, 1917 — December 23, 2005

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Covenant Church

Albert City, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Gavin Ellis

Reverend David Wenell

ORGANIST

Marilyn Westholm

SOLOISTS

Vickie Olson

"How Great Thou Art"

Clifford Shold

"Children Of The Heavenly Father"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

David Swanson—Tom Swanson—Jay Bloom

Mark Wenell—Dale Wenell—Mike Jones

CASKETBEARERS

Gary Wenell—John Wenell—Doug Wenell

Allan Wenell—Lynn Wenell—Chris Wenell

Patrick Jones—Robert Ochsner

INTERMENT

Fairfield Township Cemetery

Albert City, Iowa

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A Farmer's Hands

Hands that are large and tough
from many years of rugged, outdoor work.

Hands with fingers sensitive to music,
but too thick to strike just one key
on the piano, or a single string on a violin.

Hands that are versatile,
simultaneously wielding an ax and swiping
a fistful of pinch berries from a nearby bush.

Hands that clasp themselves habitually in
prayer, giving thanks for food, for rain, for
sun, for late frosts, early springs, good yield,
for soil, for health, for a newborn calf.

Hands that are strong, squeezing out a pail full of
milk in just no time, pulling strands of barbed
wire taut, carrying mountains of hay and oceans
of water to hungry, thirsty farm creatures.

Hands that are gentle, marveling at the softness
of a furry kitten, rescuing a killdeer's nest
from the path of the plow, patting the
shoulder of a disappointed child.

Hands that are inventive, twisting, pounding,
pinching, until a machine is fixed,
shaping an idea into something useful.

Hands that are tired from over a half century of
tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting.

Hands that I loved, a farmer's hands,
My husband's and our father's.

-author unknown

*W*e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness
evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this
service today. Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship
at the church following the burial.

— *The Wenell Family*