

Sylvester "Sy" Postolka, age 86, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, died Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at the Sioux Care Center in Sioux Rapids.

Sylvester was born at Vining, Iowa on May 17, 1919 to Stephen and Mayme (Hulka) Postolka. His early life was lived at Elberon, Iowa. He graduated from high school in Elberon in 1937.

On May 28, 1940, Sylvester married Mabel Nebendahl at the Methodist Parsonage in Toledo, Iowa. To this union two sons were born: Steven and Bruce.



Sylvester served in World War II in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, the Phillipine Liberation and the Army of Occupation in Japan. He had entered the service on September 28, 1944 and was honorably discharged October 22, 1946 with the rank of Tec4, Signal Corps.

In early years, Sylvester did local trucking and later, for 36 years, was a Station Agent for the Chicago NorthWestern Railroad. The family lived in many towns along the CNW rail line, always moving as stations were closed. His last railroad job was at Alton, Iowa but the family had lived in Sioux Rapids since 1965. Sylvester retired from the railroad in 1979.

Sylvester was a member of First United Church of Sioux Rapids, a 51-year-member of the American Legion and a 50-plus-year-member of the Transportation Communication Union.

His greatest joy in life, besides his family, was music. He began playing with local dance bands while in high school. Wherever he lived he played with bands in that area until his health prevented him from playing. He played his tuba for the last time at the Sioux Care Center.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel; son Steven (Jeanette) of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois; and son Bruce (Patty) of Sioux Rapids; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sylvester was preceded in death by his parents and only sister, Delores.



In Loving Memory

Sylvester Steven Postolka

1919 — 2005



Safely Home

I am now at home in heaven;
All's so happy, all so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty,
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the Valley of the Shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me,
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely.
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh the joy to see you come!

—author unknown

A sincere thank you to all who have taken the time to say
goodbye to our loved one. Your kindnesses as expressed in
word and deed are deeply appreciated.

— The Postolka Family

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Sylvester Postolka

May 17, 1919 — October 19, 2005

FUNERAL SERVICE

7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 21, 2005

Sliefert Funeral Home Chapel

Sioux Rapids, Iowa

CLERGY

Lay Minister Dean Maiden

MUSIC

Recorded Selections

"How Great Thou Art"

"Amazing Grace"

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Father Cain

Alan Sorenson

Aubrey George

Don Yungbluth

Vernon Ricke

Charles Johnson

Don Tschertter

Craig Johnson

INTERMENT

Saturday, October 22, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

National Cemetery ■ Vining, Iowa

Arrangements by

SLIEFERT FUNERAL HOME

Nicklas D. Jensen

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