

Robert Head, 73

May 27, 1928 - March 18, 2002 ✓

MONTICELLO - Robert Carl Head was born May 27, 1928, at Cherokee, son of Harold and Lela Fenner Head. He graduated from the Harlan High School in 1946. He then went on to Simpson College, Indianola, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in music education. He later received his Master's degree from Truman University.

He married Phyllis Warren June 14, 1950, at Siloam Methodist Church, Philadelphia, PA. He taught music in the Woodbine schools from 1950 to 1955 then from 1955 until 1962 in the Onawa Community Schools. He taught in Lake City during the 1962-1963 school year. He finished his teaching career in Newton, teaching there until he retired in 1978. From 1990 until 2000 the couple spent the winter months in St. Petersburg, FL, and the summers in Cedar Falls at the Cedar Fall Bible Conference, River View Park. He served as a choir director for many years in various Methodist Churches. He died March 18, 2002, at the Monticello Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following an extended illness at age 73.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis; three children, David (Francie) Head, Monticello; Mary (John) Brayton, Fort Collins, CO; Cathi (Charles) Bencken, Niagara Falls, NY; six grandchildren, Zach (Amy) Akin; Nathan (Kitty) Sesma; Benjamin Brayton; Megan Sesma; Breanna (Cory McBride) Head; David Sesma; a great granddaughter, Rylee McBride, and two sisters, Nancy (Wyllis) Bolton, Fort Dodge; Barbara (James) Olinger, Ankeny; and a sister-in-law, Edythe Head, Harlan.

A life celebration service was held March 23, 2002, at the United Church of Monticello, with Rev. Julia Poulsen and the Rev. Edwin Moreano officiating. Goettsch Funeral Home in Monticello in charge of arrangements.