Tom Allen Arnold, 98, of Story City and formerly a long-time Ames resident, passed away Saturday, April 19, 2014, at Bethany Manor. He was born Jan. 3, 1916, in Essex, Mo. (in the 'boot heel'), and was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Isabel Arnold; one sister, Mildred; and one brother, Joe.

Tom and Mary Manning were married in 1954 in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Married nearly 50 years, Mary passed away on April 18, 2004. He is survived by one daughter, Carol, of Minneapolis; and one son, Tracy, of Plano, Texas.

Growing up in Hot Springs, Ark., Tom was a strong athlete, playing basketball and even boxing competitively. In 1939, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army, later serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He retired in 1966 as a colonel. Following his military retirement, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a master’s degree in library science. In 1968, he joined the faculty at Iowa State University, retiring in 1979 as director of the circulation department at the university library.

Tom and Mary kept active in retirement, traveling around the country, visiting family and friends. Always a voracious reader, Tom served as president of the Board of Trustees of Ames Public Library during its capital campaign and 1985 expansion. He loved living in Ames, ISU sports and, most of all, reading. Services will be on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at Adams Funeral Home in Ames. Visitation will be at 1 p.m., with a memorial service at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions can be directed to Ames Public Library. Adams Funeral Home in Ames is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences and photos may be shared at www.adamsoderstrum.com.
Memorial Resolution for Professor Garren Orel Benson, 1939-2013

Garren Orel Benson was born April 7, 1939, at Decorah, Iowa, the oldest child of Orel and Irene (Springmire) Benson. He passed away on Saturday, May 15, 2013 in Ames, Iowa at age 74.

Garren was reared on a farm near Harmony, Minnesota. He began his education in county schools, and graduated from Harmony High School in 1956. He attended a year at Rochester Junior College, before transferring to the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Shortly he transferred to the University of Minnesota-St. Paul, where he earned both the B.S. and M.S. degrees in soil science. This is where he met Patricia Ann Daniels whom he married in 1962. Returning to Iowa in 1964 he earned a Ph.D. degree in Crop Physiology and Production from Iowa State University in 1971.

Benson first became an Iowa State Area Extension Agronomist located in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Moving to Ames to complete his doctoral studies while continuing on the staff; he remained in Ames and became a member of the faculty in 1971. He was a state-wide extension agronomist, specializing in corn and soybean production during a third of a century of remarkable growth in production of these crops. He was honored with many awards in his career, including the Iowa Master Farmer Exceptional Service Award from Wallace’s Farmer in 1996. Garren retired from extension in 1996 as emeritus professor of agronomy, but continued to work for the ISU Agronomy Department until 1999.

His state-wide learning audiences were mostly away from the campus and made up of adult Iowans employed in agriculture, including farmers, other advisors and resource personnel in public and private practice, and off-farm suppliers of production factors as well as the services of the markets and distribution system for crops. As often is the case for extension teachers and other educators, it is found that some of the research information needed precisely to answer evolving and specific questions does not exist to form satisfactory answers. In such events, Benson advised the research faculty of missing data, and if the information was not forthcoming, he conducted experiments and observations to learn. One additional dimension of his work was to broaden the education base of those in production agriculture and their advisors to keep advancing their knowledge base to understand new opportunities.

A measure of his success may be estimated by the increases in trend-line state yields of corn that were estimated to be 79 bushels per acre when he arrived and increased to over 144 bushels when he finally retired from employment in 1999. The gross increase of corn for the state was 82 percent, and the
annual per acre improvement was close to 0.9 bushels per acre. Similar yields for soybeans, the common companion crop in sequence with corn, were 28.8 and 44.8 bushels per acre for an increase of 56 percent or 20 bushels per acre from 0.4 bushels per acre, annually. This is evidence that his information dissemination system worked well and made a major increase in gross production and income in agriculture—the trends have continued to rise since his role passed to others.

As a young man, Garren liked to play sports, fish and hunt, and made many trips to Minnesota’s North Shore in pursuit of the big buck. He was a Civil War and World War II history buff, and was thrilled to have gone for a ride in a B-17 bomber in 2008. He enjoyed tracing his family genealogy, and traveling with Pat to California, Hawaii, England and France. He was a dedicated fan of ISU football and basketball, attending games for decades, tracking the statistics of players and recruits. In his retirement, Garren kept up with his buddies drinking coffee at Paneras and the Commons in Agronomy Hall.

Garren is survived by his wife of 50 years, Pat, Ames; daughter DeeAnn Benson (Cameron) Reece, Town of Ellington, Wisconsin; son Kent (Deanne) Benson; grandchildren Drew and Makenna of Woodstock Maryland; his sister, Lynne (Ron Carlson) Benson of Hastings, Minnesota; and more distant relatives.
Douglas M. Catron, PhD, passed away in Henderson, Nevada, on April 8, 2013. He was 71.

Doug came to Iowa State in 1978. He was tenured and promoted to associate professor in 1984. Doug taught freshman composition, technical writing, and a variety of undergraduate literature courses, including the British Survey, Introduction to Literary Studies, and Science Fiction.

For several years he was a member of the unofficial English department band known as “BBC,” which stood for Boston, Broadhead, and Catron. Doug played guitar and displayed a mellow baritone voice. Not everyone knew that Doug served in the United States Air Force, where he was a military policeman and an expert in judo. Facing health problems later in his career, Doug retired on January 4, 2004.

Educated in the rural schools of Michigan, he attended Michigan State University where he met Ann Dunlap, to whom he was married for 68 years. After completing the B.S. and M.S. degrees at Michigan State, he earned his Ph.D. in Agronomy at Iowa State College in 1948. After five years on the faculty at Michigan State, he returned to Iowa State in 1953 and served on the faculty in the Department of Agronomy until his retirement in 1993 but active in the Department until 2001.

Professor Frey was recognized both nationally and internationally as a plant breeder. Directing the Oat Breeding Project at Iowa State, he was named C. F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1970 and received the ISU Distinguished Alumni Award. He was elected president of the Crop Science Society of America (1980-81) and of the American Society of Agronomy (1983-84). Recognizing his contributions to his profession, he received the Genetics Plant Breeding Award from the National Council of Commercial Plant Breeders (1982), the DeKalb-Pfizer Crop Science Distinguished Service Award (1986), the Iowa Science Medal (1989), and the Henry Wallace Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture (1990). After his retirement in the 1990s, he authored the National Plant Breeding Study which has become a blueprint for the development of plant breeding in the US. In 2007, Iowa State University established the Kenneth Frey Endowed Chair in Agronomy.

Internationally, Frey organized the first International Crop Science Congress held at Iowa State in 1989. He was a consultant to major crop breeding institutes in India, Mexico, and the Philippines and to the governments of Malaysia and Norway. He served as a Visiting Professor and Lecturer at universities in Sweden, Germany, Egypt, Yugoslavia and Canada. In addition to his contributions to plant breeding research, Kenneth Frey was also known as an educator serving as major advisor to over 100 MS and Ph. D students. He was influential in introducing and integrating women into the field of plant breeding.

Kenneth and Ann Frey were both involved in the Iowa State University Community. They resided in west Ames within walking distance of the ISU campus (which Kenneth routinely did).
They moved to Green Hills in 1997. They traveled widely and spent sabbaticals and extended stays in Australia, India, Norway, Japan and Athens GA.

Kenneth Frey was preceded in death by his wife, Ann, earlier in 2013. He is survived by his three children, Teryl, an emeritus professor at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA, Karen, a nurse practitioner in Berkeley, CA, and Kevin, a faculty member San Jose City College in San Jose CA, and two grandchildren, Benjamin Frey and Andrew Brewer.

In lieu of gifts and flowers, please send contributions in Kenneth’s name to the Green Hills Memorial Fund, 2200 Hamilton Drive, Ames, IA 50014.
Mary Kay Hogan passed away February 10, 2014 at Judson Park Health Center in Des Moines, Washington. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 1 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ames, Iowa. There was a visitation 30 minutes prior the service and the burial at 2:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Boone, Iowa.

Mary Kay Hogan was born on August 12, 1933 to Stewart and Marie Hogan in Boone. Mary Kay graduated from Boone High School. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree and then in 1975, a Masters of Dietetics, both from Iowa State University. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly American Dietetic Association) and the Iowa Dietetic Association. Mary Kay worked as a dietitian at Harborview Hospital in Seattle, Washington from 1959 to 1973. She then moved back to Iowa and was an Assistant Professor at Iowa State University from 1975 to 1995. Mary Kay also served as Associate Director – Coordinator Undergraduate Program (Dietetics) in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition from 1978 to 1993. In 1993 she received the Iowa State University Alumni Association Faculty Citation Award in recognition of her long and outstanding service to the university faculty and that same year was named Outstanding Dietitian of the Year by the Iowa Dietetic Association. Throughout her career, Mary Kay served as a member of professional societies at the local, state and national level as well as gave invited presentations to many professional organizations and groups.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Anderson; her niece, Susan Indanza; her nephews, Frederick, Michael, James and Thomas Anderson; and many other relatives and friends.
Lillian E. Kraft

May 26, 1923 – January 26, 2014

Lillian E. Kraft, 90, died at Oaknoll Retirement Residence on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014. Born in New Haven, Conn. to Nathan and Rebecca Shapiro, Lillian grew up in Queens, N.Y., and graduated from Queens College in 1944, where she studied economics and education. These two areas of study then became enduring themes throughout her life.

Wanting to help with the domestic war effort during World War II, Lillian worked in Washington, D.C., for the War Production Board. In 1947, when she was back in New York, working for CBS television, she met her future husband, Allen A. Kraft, and they married that same year. Two years later, they relocated to Ames, where Allen earned his doctorate at Iowa State University and Lillian worked at WOI radio station as administrative assistant to the program director. After Allen was awarded his doctorate in 1953, they moved to Rockville, Md., with then 2-year-old daughter Amy, where Allen worked for the USDA and Lillian taught third grade. Son Robert was born in Washington, D.C., in 1954. In 1959, the family returned to Ames, when Allen was offered a faculty position at ISU, and where Lillian worked at the University Library from 1969-87, teaching introductory courses in library science.

People who worked with Lillian spoke of her devoted collegiality, her mentoring of young people and her love of books, art and cooking. She was named assistant professor of library science in 1977. The couple retired to Iowa City in 1997.

Lillian’s greatest joy in life revolved around spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an expert knitter, regularly giving family members her beautiful handmade sweaters as treasured gifts. She also enjoyed baking, reading, and writing poetry, and for many years, commemorated events in the lives of her family with a poem written specifically for the occasion. Her banana cake and apricot turnovers were special favorites among her children and grandchildren and always plentiful and greatly enjoyed during family visits.

She is survived by one daughter, Amy Kolen (Michael), of Iowa City; one son, Robert Kraft, of Westerville, Ohio; four grandchildren, Raychel Kolen (Paul Allen), Daniel Kolen, Jessica Kraft (Jordan Elias) and Samuel Kraft (Erin Lau); and great-granddaughters, Simone and Lazarre Elias. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Allen A. Kraft; and one daughter-in-law Virginia Petersen.

Lillian requested no public memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Iowa City Hospice, the Oaknoll Foundation’s scholarship fund or Agudas Achim Congregation in Iowa City. A private gathering will be at a later date. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.lensingfuneral.com.
Richard Llewellyn

February 10, 1953 – November 18, 2013

Richard Llewellyn passed away on Nov. 18 after an illness. Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, he had lived in various places including New York, Texas, Georgia, Iowa and Florida. In 1990, he earned his master’s degree from the school of information and library science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. From 1999-2006, he was an assistant professor and life sciences librarian at the Iowa State University Library. Richard came to Iowa State from the University of Georgia where he had been a reference librarian. In 2007, Richard began working at the Alvin Sherman Library at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where, similar to his position at Iowa State, he specialized in the areas of science and technology. Richard was savvy with Web technology and had researched and posted content for his website, animated-divots.net, and he wrote a blog at rlewis1953.wordpress.com. Richard was a self-described couch potato and interested in animation and Japanese comics.
Robert D. Love

Robert D. Love, emeritus associate professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering (IMSE) passed away February 5, 2014 at the age of 88. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at Memorial Services of Iowa Funeral Home in Ankeny.

Robert was born August 20, 1925, in Prairie City, Iowa to Lester and Leila (Peck) Love. He grew up in Carlisle, Iowa, graduating from high school in 1943. Enlisting immediately after graduation, he served as a naval officer in World War II. He earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State then worked several years in industry before returning to Iowa State to earn his master's degree in Industrial Engineering. Joining the faculty in 1960, he taught for 27 years before retiring in 1987 as Associate Professor Emeritus.

Professor Love’s experience in methods and manufacturing was instrumental in developing and modernizing coursework in methods and work measurement. His work included a major commitment to continuing education and organizing and offering many extension courses. One highlight of his career was his appointment by Governor Harold Hughes to head up a task force for reorganization of the Building and Grounds department at the State House in Des Moines.

Bob enjoyed woodworking and made a large variety of furniture pieces for his children, grandchildren and many friends, with many pieces still in use. He was a member of Ames Heartland Baptist Church and a longtime member of Story County Housing.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Lorraine, son David (Diane), daughter Linda (Pierce) Welch, brother Glenn (Beverly) and sister Margaret (Russell) Pisle, five grandchildren Brian (Amye) Love, Stephanie (Keith) Burton, Jason (Jenica) Welch, Christine (David) Ryburn, and Adam (Kristi) Welch, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Donald, and infant sister Evelyn.

A few things stand out about Bob by his former co-workers. Bob was always volunteering on community projects and in particular with the Kiwanis. He was willing to help others or fix things when needed. He was a kind and respectful man and a very happy person who always had a smile on his face.
Theodore Daniel Nostwich, emeritus professor of English, died in Ames on April 1, 2014. A funeral mass was held on April 14 at St. Cecilia Church with Fr. James Secora and Ted’s longtime friend and colleague, Deacon John McCully, presiding.

Ted was born to John and Amalia (Granitz) Nostwich in Akron, Ohio, on September 14, 1925. Following his graduation from Garfield High School in Akron, he attended Ohio State University, where he obtained his bachelor’s degree in 1948 and his master’s degree in 1950. Additionally, he met Ann Elizabeth Baker, his future wife, while he was enrolled at Ohio State. Ted and Ann were married in Columbus, Ohio, in 1953.

Upon earning his PhD in English from the University of Texas in 1968, Ted became a member of the faculty in English at Iowa State University. Prior to coming to Ames, he had taught at Ferris Institute (now Ferris State University) in Michigan, at the University of Texas, at Purdue University, and at Del Mar College in Texas. His teaching at Iowa State centered on undergraduate and graduate courses in American literature, though he also for many years taught a graduate course in the tools and methods of literary scholarship. In 1996, he spent a term as a visiting lecturer at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. He retired from Iowa State in 1998 and lived out his remaining years with his wife and family in Ames.

Professor Nostwich’s own scholarship concentrated on the American novelist, Theodore Dreiser. In all, he published five scrupulously researched and annotated editions of Dreiser’s writings, beginning with Theodore Dreiser’s “Heard in the Corridors,” a collection of columns that the young Dreiser penned while working for newspapers in St. Louis, Chicago, and Pittsburgh. Ted also issued a second collection containing Dreiser’s news reportage for papers in St. Louis, Chicago, and elsewhere. This book—Theodore Dreiser Journalism: Newspaper Writings 1892-1895—was published as part of the University of Pennsylvania Dreiser Edition. In producing these books, Professor Nostwich identified and preserved texts that would soon have been lost forever owing to the deterioration of the newsprint on which they had originally been printed.

The remaining outputs from Professor Nostwich’s exacting labor were textually accurate editions of Dawn and Newspaper Days (the two volumes of Dreiser’s autobiography) and a collection of Dreiser’s short fiction and semi-fiction. This anthology, published under the title Fulfillment and Other Tales of Women and Men, brought together texts that had long been out of print and not easily obtainable by general readers or scholars.

Besides his dedication to literary study, Ted was a man of many interests and loves. He was a great fan of classical music, both symphonic and operatic. Throughout his life, he listened to the Saturday afternoon broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera. He regularly attended the concerts presented through Ames Town & Gown and the Ames International Orchestra Festival until poorer health prevented his doing so any longer. He was also drawn to jazz, with a particular fondness for Benny Goodman’s performances. He prized good eating and was famous among his friends and family for his superbly concocted onion soup. In the latter half of his life, he travelled extensively with his wife, Ann. He also enjoyed watching old movies and possessed expert knowledge about them.

Ted is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ann; their three sons, Mark, Michael, and Paul, their two daughters, Elisabeth Lunaburg and Sarah (“Sallie”); and by five grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.