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Joseph Yarosevich, 81, of Sioux City died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001, at a Sioux City hospital following a lengthy illness.

Private family services will be held, with the Rev. Jon Gaul of Grace United Methodist Church officiating. Private family burial will be in Floyd Cemetery. Christy-Smith Morningside Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Yarosevich was born June 25, 1920, in Sioux City, the son of William and Alice (Struskevich) Yarosevich. He married Mary Philipovich on Sept. 24, 1949, in Sioux City. She died Aug. 24, 2000, in Sioux City.

He was a lifelong resident of Sioux City. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, as a platoon sergeant. He was active in the Okinawa Campaign. He received two Purple Hearts, a Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Bronze Arrowhead.

He was a roofer in Sioux City for Guarantee Roofing for several years. He was a fireman for the city of Sioux City for 32 years, and prior to his retirement he had served as assistant fire chief.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the Morningside Masonic Lodge 615, and the Iowa Firefighters Association. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, photography and coin and stamp collecting.

Survivors include two sons and their wives, Joe and Katya Yarosevich of Chico, Calif., and the Rev. John and Marcia Yarosevich of Mathomedi, Minn.; a daughter and her husband, Joellen and Jim Megan of Iowa City, Iowa; two brothers, Bill and his wife, Priscilla Yarosevich of Hood River, Ore., and Aleck Yarosevich of Sioux City; four grandchildren, Trent, Alexandra, Ella and Paul; and six nieces and nephews, Karen Henry, Aleck Yarosevich, Garry Yarosevich, Linda Dixon, Kim Acker and Janice Gedney.

He also was preceded in death by his parents.