



Stanley "Pete" Yoder, 86, of West Liberty, left his earthly home for his heavenly home at 6 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, from his residence.

He was born in Logan County on Sept. 16, 1919, the son of the late Floyd Robert and Kathryn Belle Plank Yoder. He was a 1937 graduate of West Liberty High School. This spring, he celebrated 65 years of marriage with his wife, the former Helen Hostetler, whom he married in 1941.

She survives along with their seven children and spouses: Sherril and Leroy Walters of Decatur, Ind., Janet and Dick Mally of West Liberty, Penny and Bob Frey of Columbus, Steven and Gina Yoder of Thornton, Colo., Barbara Heath of Brighton, Tenn., Dianne Jensen of Golden, Colo., and Tom and Judy Yoder of Elkhart, Ind. He is also survived by three sisters, Phyllis Yoder, Ina (Everett) Yoder and Celia (Gayler) Hooley, all of West Liberty; 19 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Joan Scoby.

A farmer in Champaign County for many years, he moved to Scottdale, Pa., in 1956, where he became foreman of the press room at the Mennonite Publishing House.

In 1983, he retired and he and his wife, moved back to West Liberty, where he worked part-time at the Ace Hardware. He also served as groundskeeper of Lions Park until 2003. He was a respected member of the West Liberty Lions Club since joining in 1984. He also was a faithful member of the South Union Mennonite Church.

A memorial service is at 11 a.m. Monday at the South Union Mennonite Church, West Liberty, with Pastor Howard Schmitt and Pastor Randy Reminder officiating. Interment is in South Union Cemetery, West Liberty. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Kauffman-Eichholtz Funeral Home, West Liberty.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mennonite Central Committee. Express condolences at www.eichholtzfuneralhome.com.