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Merlin E. Papenheim, 59

DES MOINES - Merlin E. Papenheim, 59, of Des Moines, died of a heart ailment at Mercy Hospital Medical Center Feb. 23, 1999. He was born in New Hampton the son of Raymond and Elizabeth (Schwickerath) Papenheim. He was a graduate of St. Mary's High in North Washington and of the University of Northern Iowa. He formerly lived in Anita and has resided in Des Moines since 1966. He was a teacher at Meredith Middle School for 33 years and served in the Marine Reserves. He was a member of the Des Moines Education Association, Iowa State Education Association, National Education Association and was a Polk County Democratic party volunteer.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his adopted mother, Hildegard Orthaur Papenheim, and a sister, Barbara Thoma. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, the former Pat Tryon of Defiance; two daughters, Laurie Schulte, Kansas City, MO and Jill Papenheim, Plains, MT; six sisters, Betty Biwer, West Des Moines; Phyllis Larson, Kasson, MN; Jane Phelps, Rochester, MN; Carolyn Papenheim, New Britain, CT; Mary Schmidt, Lakeville, MN and Norma Pauman, Red Wing, MN; two brothers, Paul Papenheim, Seattle, WA and Gary Papenheim, Cedar Falls.

Funeral services were held in the St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church with burial in the Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery.