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NEW HAMPTON -- Ray Knapp Berry, 83, died Monday, March 13 at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, of natural causes.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greene with Rev. Monsignor Walter Brunkan celebrating the Mass. The pall was placed on the casket by his wife and daughters. Lector for the service was Charles Stanton. The offertory gifts were presented by Lori Sheehy, Angie Scholbrock, Alex Huffman and Cody Sheehy. Eucharistic minister was Jerry Zipse.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Greene, with Jerry Zipse, Brad Huffman, John Sheehy, Donald Hereid, Ron Larsen and Alan King as pallbearers.

Visitation was held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 at Larkin-Martin-Hugeback Funeral Home, New Hampton, where there was a 4 p.m.

Rosary and a 7 p.m. Scripture Service. Further visitation was held an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Thursday.

Ray was born in Greene, the son of Robert and Margaret (Knapp) Berry. He attended and graduated from Sacred Heart Schools in Greene. He moved to a farm near Lawler in 1939.

On Sept. 5, 1945 he married Margaret King at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler. The couple lived around Lawler for a few years and moved to the New Hampton area in 1948 where they lived on area farms. Ray farmed his entire life and retired in 1989. He sold his farm in 1999 and became a resident of the New Hampton Care Center in January of this year.

Memberships include the Farm Bureau, St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg and he was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Hampton. Ray always enjoyed going to Steam Engine Days, his family and music, especially listening to Lawrence Welk and Guy Lombardo.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; four daughters, Jeanne (Merlyn) Zipse, New Hampton, Donna (Mike) Huffman, Cedar Falls, Janice Berry, Osage and Pat Berry, Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Beverly (Wayne) Fitzpatrick, Waverly.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Robert Jr. and Donovan in infancy; and one sister, Avis McGinn.