Chris Septer, 93

Chris Septer, 93, of Grinnell, died Thursday, July 28, 2005, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

His funeral service was Monday, Aug. 1, at the Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, with Pastor Jeff Lee of the Lynnville Friends Church, officiating. Burial was at the Sully Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell.

Pallbearers were Ron Hedrick, Fritz and R.C. James, Jon Nibbink, Robert Septer and Marvin Uitermarkt.

Chris was born July 3, 1912, in Veenendaal, Holland, to William and Janette Beyer Septer. He immigrated to the United States in May of 1920 with his family and they eventually settled in the Sully area where he was educated in rural schools near his home. He worked as a farm laborer before he married Augusta (Gussie) Maria Diehm on Dec. 25, 1936, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell. The couple lived on farms at Spring Valley in Mahaska County for three years prior to moving to a farm west of Taintor, renting from Luke VanderLinden. They later farmed southwest of Ewart, renting from Equitable of New York. Then, in the spring of 1943, the couple moved to their farm northeast of Searsboro. While on the farm, they raised Hy Line chickens and sold eggs to Rudkin Hatchery in Grinnell. He also enjoyed his small flock of sheep and going to farm sales, where he enjoyed visiting with friends.

Survivors include two brothers, Gerrit (Shorty) Septer of Montezuma, and Arnold Septer and his wife, Jean, of Grinnell; one sister-in-law, Isabel Septer of Montezuma; two brothers-in-law, Richard Heemsbergen and Marvin Dieleman, both of Grinnell; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gussie, in 1987; two brothers, William and Richard Septer; and five sisters, Tena Uitermarkt, Christina Baltisberger, Margaret Walker, Reka Heemsbergen and Minnie Dieleman.

Memorial contributions in his name may be directed to the Christian Opportunity Center in Pella.