
Chris Septer, 93, Grinnell

Chris Septer, 93, of Grinnell passed away July 28, 2005. Funeral services were held Aug.

1, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Pastor Jeff Lee of the Lynnville Friends Church officiated.



C. Septer

Pallbearers were Ron Hedrick, Fritz and R.C. James, Jon Nibblink, Robert Septer and Marvin Uitermarkt. Burial was held at the Sully Cemetery. Memorials can be given to the Christian Opportunity Center in Pella.

Chris was born July 3, 1912, in Veenandaal, Holland to William and Jannetje 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 Vander Linden. 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.

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.

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