

H-R May 25, 1987

Rites held for Bernie Fopma

Bernie R. Fopma, 61, of Rte. 1, Grinnell, died Saturday, May 9, following a stroke.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. May 11 at the Sully Christian Reformed Church, with Dr. Joseph Brinks officiating. Organist was Larry Jansen, and pallbearers were Dwight Beyer, Calvin Fopma, Terry Fopma, Merlin Terlouw, Leon Vander Weerdt and Ron Willemson. Honorary bearers were Marvin Baarda and Harlan Terlouw. Burial was in the Sully Cemetery.

The son of Simon and Jennie Fopma, he was born on Feb. 24, 1926, in Lynnville. He attended rural school and Sully Christian School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

On Feb. 24, 1949, he was married to Theda Terlouw in Sully. The couple lived on a farm north of Kellogg, moved to a farm west of Searsboro, then lived south of Grinnell.

He is survived by his wife, Theda; six children, Bryce of Edgerton, Minn., Alvin of Grinnell, Bonnie Van Den Broek of New Sharon, Carla Dykstra of Monroe, Stanley of Grinnell and Nancy, also of Grinnell; 12 grandchildren; his mother, Jennie Fopma of Pella; two brothers, Charles and Don, both of Pella; and two sisters, Grace Beyer of Sully and Sylvia Nieuwsma, also of Pella.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1962.