

Lester C. Foster

Lester C. Foster, 80, of Rte. 1, Malcom, died of Alzheimer's disease Monday, Jan. 15, at Pella Community Nursing Home.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcom, with the Rev. Gerald F. Brown officiating. Organist was Teresa Ziegenmeyer, and vocalists were Marlene Gritsch and Kathy Loftin.

Pallbearers were Rick, Mike and Greg Foster, Jeff Barnes, Joel VanderLeest, Allen Diehm, Randy Lidtka and Franklin Reimers. Honorary bearers were Ron Adams, Virgil Adams, Earl Lidtka, Lowell Pickhardt and Chris Septer. Burial was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Alzheimer's Research Foundation and left at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

The son of Charles and Sophia Schlesselman Foster, he was born July 14, 1909, at Guernsey. He was a 1926 graduate of BGM High School, then farmed with his father near Brooklyn.

He was married to Clara Diehm Oct. 13, 1934, at Newton. The couple farmed near Brooklyn, Guernsey and Deep River until 1943 when they moved to their farm in Sheridan Township.

Mr. Foster was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Farm Bureau and the Malcom Co-op Elevator. He had served as a Scout leader for the Trinity Lutheran Boy Scout Troop.

Surviving are his wife Clara; two daughters, Doris R. VanderLeest and Janet M. Barnes, both of Grinnell; one son, James F. of Grinnell; eight grandchildren; one sister, Hazel Dale of Deep River; and four brothers, his twin Lawrence of Las Vegas, Nev., and Alvin, Raymond and Mahlon, all of Brooklyn. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, George and Harlan.

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