

H-R. July 14, 1986  
**John Jelsma rites Saturday**

John Jelsma, 89, of Grinnell, died Thursday, July 10, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Lawson, pastor of the Northside Friends Church, officiating. Music was provided by Kathleen Heffner, organist, and Grace Elliott, vocalist. Pallbearers were Harold Churchill, Jim Jelsma, Darwin Snook, Raymond Speas, Gerrid Van Hal and Rodney Van Maanen.

Burial was in the Sully Cemetery. Memorials in Mr. Jelsma's name may be made to the Northside Friends Church.

He was the son of Arend and

Jennie Pietersma Jelsma and was born on March 15, 1897, at Galesburg. The family moved to the Sully area where he attended rural school.

On Feb. 7, 1923, he was married to Laura Talbot at Sully. The couple farmed near Lynneville and Grinnell. Mr. Jelsma moved to Friendship Manor in 1982.

Survivors include his daughter, Verda Pauline Jelsma of Newton, and two sisters, Anna Vander Kamp of Sully and Marie McBride of Newton. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, four brothers, Louie, Charlie, Herman and Carl; and three sisters Bessie Sparks, Susie Speas and Gertie Talbot.