Harold McCulloch

Harold E. McCulloch, 87, of rural Newburg died after a lengthy illness Monday, July 3, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Homer Perry officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud.

Pallbearers were Kirk Emmert, Jeff Fort, Scott Novak, Curt Sharp, Scott Sharp and Dean Vander Leest. Honorary bearers were Jake Barnes, Everett Cooper, Leonard Hendrickson, Emery Kaisand, Warren Louden, Loring Rohr and Don Sears.

Graveside fraternal rites were conducted by members of Cyrus Masonic Lodge No. 338, Gilman, with burial in Hickory Grove Cemetery near Newburg.

The son of H.H. and Edith Shepp McCulloch, he was born April 13, 1908, near Newburg. He attended rural schools and graduated from Newburg High School in 1925. He worked on his father’s farm and for Newburg Elevator. From 1930 to 1941 he operated a tank wagon for Cosden Oil Co.

He was married to Margaret Lucille Bacon Dec. 28, 1928, in Des Moines. They lived in Newburg until moving to the farm south of Newburg.

He was a member of the Newburg Congregational United Church of Christ, a 4-H leader, and a member of the Jasper County Extension Board, the Newburg Elevator Board and the Jasper County Farm Bureau. He had served as a township trustee and on the Newburg and Grinnell-Newburg boards of education. He was a 63-year member of Cyrus Masonic Lodge and was a member of the York Rite bodies, Scottish Rite 32nd degree and Za-Za-Zig Shrine Trike Parade Unit.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Phyllis Emmert and Norma Sharp; one sister, Ruth Gillespie; a brother, James; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Doris Taylor and Marion Slater.