

Gerald Olson

Gerald Olson, 68, of West Liberty, a native of Malcom and a former Brooklyn resident, died Sunday, Sept. 13, after being admitted to University Hospitals in Iowa City.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Liberty, with burial in North Prairie Cemetery there. The West Liberty Chapel of the Barker Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born in Malcom May 25, 1924, the son of Clarence and Grace Hall Olson. He was married to Ella Mae Hauersperger Feb. 5, 1945, in Brooklyn. The couple farmed for several years in the Brooklyn area before moving to West Liberty in 1963.

Mr. Olson was employed at the Walnut Grove Co. in West Liberty for 27 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Craig of West Liberty; two daughters, Patricia Smothers of Grinnell and Sandi Jennings of West Branch; one brother, Lloyd of Brooklyn; two sisters, Ruth Tindle of Malcom and Norma Sherwood of Belle Plaine; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and three grandchildren.