

## Rites held for Ralph Richards

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Ralph Louis Richards, formerly of the area, died May 15 at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, Wis. Funeral services were held at the New Sharon Methodist Church May 17 at 3 p.m.

Mr. Richards was born to David and Amanda Richards at Stewart on Sept. 25, 1912. He spent most of his childhood in the Deep River area, after which he lived with and worked for Bill and Sadie McCaw. He married Voyian Northcutt on Nov. 1, 1937, in Pella. They had three children: Gary (July 5, 1938), Cheryl Sue (Sept. 1, 1940) and Jerilyn (Nov. 4, 1942).

Mr. Richards worked as a truck driver and lived in the Kellogg area for several years. He and his wife also owned and operated a cafe in Sully before buying a farm in Wisconsin. There, he farmed and was employed in other agriculture-related work. He retired on the farm near Gilmanton, Wis., due to poor health.

He is survived by his wife, Voyian, son Gary and daughter

Jerilyn; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Roy, Orville, John, Glen and David; and sisters, Mrs. Hazel Jacobs, Mrs. Mary Schultz and Mrs. Lela Burnett. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mrs. Viola McMullen; and an infant daughter, Cheryl Sue.