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Monday, September 9, 1963

Sept. 3rd Rites Conducted For Jake Rivers, 75

Jake Rivers, 75, a longtime Poweshiek county resident, died August 31 at an Iowa City hospital.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3 from the West Liberty Church of Christ, with William Ell. Music was by the church singers.

Pallbearers were Wendell Hardeman, Walter Meyer, Wendell Schultz, Warren Swangle, Alvie Johnson, and Alva Swangle. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The son of Stephen and Alice Snyder Rivers, he was born in Union township, Poweshiek county, on Dec. 8, 1887. He attended the Miller school and united with the West Liberty Church of Christ in 1903.

On Sept. 11, 1904, he was united in marriage with Bessie Playle and to this union eight daughters were born: Alice Wittrup, Ely, Minn.; Winifred Schmidt, Searsboro; Fern Vajgert, Maxine Richardson, Elizabeth Thompson, Cleora Arnold and Ina Rivers, all of Marshalltown; and Lena Dell Rivers, who died in infancy.

Survivors include his widow, seven daughters, 18 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren.

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Jake Rivers For 60 Years A Member Of W. Liberty Church

Funeral services for Jake Rivers were conducted at 2 p.m. Sept. 3 at the West Liberty Church of Christ by William Ell. Music was by the church singers.

Interment was in the church cemetery under direction of the Steffy Funeral Home. Casket bearers were Wendell Hardeman, Walter Meyer, Wendell Schultz, Warren Swangle, Alvie Johnson, and Alva Swangle.

Jake, only child of Stephen and Alice Snyder River, was born in Union township, Poweshiek county, Dec. 8, 1887, and died at the University hospital, Iowa City, Aug. 31, at 75 years of age.

He attended the Miller school. He united with the West Liberty Church of Christ in 1903.

He worked as a farm hand until his marriage to Bessie Playle Sept. 11, 1904. To this union, eight daughters were born, one daughter, Lena Dell, died in infancy.

They established their

home and lived for several years in the Searsboro community. They also lived in Minnesota for five years and spent 16 years in Marshalltown, where he worked for the railroad.

In 1946, they returned to the family home in Union township, where they have since resided.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; seven daughters, Alice Wittrup, Ely, Minn.; Winifred Schmidt, Searsboro; Fern Vajgert, Maxine Richardson, Elizabeth Thompson, Cleora Arnold and Ina Rivers, all of Marshalltown; also, 18 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.