

## Rites held for H-R Sept. 13, 1982 Mr. Rohrssen

Ernest H. Rohrssen, 86, of 1520 Elm St. and recently a resident of St. Francis Manor, died Thursday, Sept. 9, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Marcus E. Reitz officiating. Organist was Margaret Amo, and pallbearers were his great-grandsons, Brian, Scott, Kyle and Brad McDonough and Terry, David and Jeff McDaniel. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Heinrich Wilhelm and Louise Sophia Maria Schwake Rohrssen, he was born Dec. 22, 1895, at Klinger. He moved with his family to Oklahoma. While there, both of his parents died, and the children returned to Iowa to live with relatives. He began butter-making at 14, working with his uncle at Klinger. He attended Gates Business College in Waterloo.

On Nov. 3, 1916, he was married to Elizabeth Marie Pooch at Denver, Iowa. The couple lived at Boies where Mr. Rohrssen operated a creamery. He had received numerous prizes and awards from Iowa State College for butter-making and in 1922 and 1924 received first-place national recognition from the dairy industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Rohrssen moved to Albertville, Wis., and operated a creamery there for 23 years. They came to Grinnell in 1949, purchasing the Grinnell Creamery from P.T. Christianson. He operated the business with his son-in-law until 1957. He was also associated with his daughter and son-in-law in the Grinnell Laundry until 1972 when he retired and began spending winters in Texas. He was active in the Grinnell Senior Citizens and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Brotherhood.

Survivors include his daughter, Isabella Mahlstedt of Grinnell; three granddaughters; seven great-grandsons; a brother, Alfred Rohrssen of Sumner; and three sisters, Viola Zabel of Tripoli, Mo., Ella Leonard of Columbia, Mo., and Louise Weitzen of Waterloo.