

H-R Sept. 8, 1977
Jay O. Ryan services held

Sept. 4, 1977
Jay O. Ryan, 85, died early Sunday at Friendship Manor. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert L. Hempel, pastor of the Newburg-Chester parish, United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. L. Willard Reynolds. Music was provided by Kathleen Heffner, organist, and Gordon Vanselselaar, vocalist. Honorary pallbearers were Oscar Anderson, Merle Harris, Raymond Harris, Elmer Iverson, Delmar Luttmann and John Peak. Pallbearers were Al Ahrens, Harvey Harris, Elmer Luttmann, Ed Peak, Dick Sears, and Don Vogt. Burial was at the Rector Cemetery near Chelsea. Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Ryan's name may be made to the Chester Congregational Church.

The son of William O. and Hattie Brush Ryan, he was born Dec. 18, 1891, near Chelsea. He attended rural

schools near his parents' farm home.

On Oct. 7, 1914, he was married to Cora E. Metz at her parents' farm home in Tama County. The couple had eight children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan farmed in Madison Township for eight years before moving to Chester Township in the spring of 1923. They continued to live there for 52 years before moving to Friendship Manor.

Mr. Ryan was a member of the Chester Congregational Church and had been a director of Chester No. 8 school. He was well known throughout the area as a livestock judge. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary next month.

He is survived by his wife, Cora; six children, Mrs. Harold (Alta) Buck of Rte. 2, Grinnell, Mrs. Warren (Wilma) Lincoln of Rte. 2, Harry W. Ryan of Rte. 2, Warren E. Ryan of Rte. 1, Malcom, Mrs. Kenneth

(Marjorie) Halstead of Grinnell, and Wayne E. Ryan of Wapello; 24 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Willis M. Ryan of Grinnell, John Ryan of Belle Plaine, and Homer Ryan of Brooklyn. He was preceded in death by his parents, two infant sons, and one granddaughter.



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He was preceded in death by his parents; two infant sons; one granddaughter; and two sisters, Mrs. Horace (Mary) Cory and Mrs. Ross (Florence) Spading.

Twenty of his grandchildren attended the funeral.