

Thursday, June 11, 1964

Funeral Services Held Today For Francis Schmidt

Francis Joseph Schmidt, 61, of 1125 Broad St., died Monday afternoon at a local hospital. He had been in failing health the last three years.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. William Pritchard, pastor of the Sully Community church, officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Pallbearers were Will Whaler, Bill Schmidt, Joe Schmidt, Le Schmidt, John Stacker, and Fred Schmidt. Interment was in the Searsboro cemetery.

He was the son of Samuel and Lydia Thompson Schmidt and was born near Lynnville on May 5th, 1903. He attended the rural schools near his home and lived all of his life farming in the Lynnville and Searsboro areas, except for the last 10 years spent residing in Grinnell.

Survivors include his five children: Mrs. Earl (Mary Lois) VandeKrol of Sully, Mrs. Bruce (Norma Jean) Conover of Sully, Mrs. Bob (Barbara) Sexton of New Sharon, Fred W. Schmidt of Sully and Sam L. Schmidt of Sully; and 16 grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Robert (Emma) Morrison of Grinnell; and five brothers: Peter Schmidt of Marshalltown, Harold Schmidt of Newton, Clarence Schmidt of Montour, Ward Schmidt of Grinnell, and Sam Schmidt of Deep River; and two half-sisters, Mrs. Mari Simpson of Lockport, Ill., and Mrs. Charlesworth of Sacramento, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother and sister.