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Thursday, September 3, 1970

Martin Schmitz Rites Wednesday

Martin E. Schmitz, 55, of 1415 Spencer St., Grinnell, died of an apparent heart condition late Monday morning while on the way to his doctor's office.

He was the son of Emery and Anna Flanagan Schmitz, and was born on Oct. 1, 1914, south of Grinnell. He attended rural schools near his farm home and later graduated with the class of 1933 at Grinnell High School. On Oct. 4, 1944, he was married to Eileen Curran at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz had lived on farms near Grinnell and Brooklyn and had farmed north of Brooklyn since 1951. They had made their home in Grinnell the last two years, and Mr. Schmitz had been associated with the building and grounds department of Grinnell College.

Mr. Schmitz was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Grinnell and had been a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Eileen; four children, Patricia Ann Schmitz of Omaha, Larry J. Schmitz of Ellsworth Junior College, Ronald F. Schmitz of the naval hospital at Cherry Point, N. C., and Kathleen Mae Schmitz, a student at Grinnell High School; three brothers and one sister, the Rev. John W. Schmitz of Harper, Iowa, Mrs. Pierce (Mary) Comerford of Grinnell, Bernard F. Schmitz of Grinnell and Paul J. Schmitz of Rockwell City, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his father in 1945 and his mother in 1967.

Requiem Mass for Mr. Schmitz was said at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rev. John W. Schmitz, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Catholic church at Harper, and the Rev. Leo V. Kuebrich, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, officiating. Music was provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner, organist, and Miss Wilma Schmitz and Mrs. Ruth Ann Dayton, vocalists. Pallbearers were Wayne Dayton, Leo Devereux, Cyril Gallagher, Ray Foley, Melvin Morrison and Leslie Schowalter.

Burial was in the Calvary section of Hazelwood Cemetery. The Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home.