

Luverne Smith

M-R January 6, 1942
Luverne R. Smith, 79, of Newburg died Thursday, Jan. 2, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Nolan Kelsy of Newton officiating. Organist was Ann Buchmeier, and vocalist was the Rev. Ann Mcycr.

Pallbearers were George Ahrens, William Bailey, Lyle Brown, Raymond Brown, Richard Humphrey and Bernard Sheets. Honorary bearers were John Bailey, Don Humphrey, Lloyd Hauersperger, Harold McCulloch and Gary White.

Burial was in Hickory Grove Cemetery west of Newburg. Memorials may be made to the Hickory Grove Church.

The son of Ray and Lottie Reynolds Smith, he was born Oct. 31, 1912, in Newburg. He attended rural school and graduated from Newburg High School.

He was married to Opal Cooper Dec. 21, 1934, in Newton. They farmed in Hickory Grove Township until his retirement in 1990. Mr. Smith also was a school bus driver and worked as a custodian for the Grinnell-Newburg School District until 1979. He was a member of the Hickory Grove Church and the Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Terry of Kellogg; one daughter, Nancy Burnham of Kellogg; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty Cooper of Kellogg and Virginia Herrod of Tama.

He was preceded in death by his parents.