

Merle Sparks
H-R March 29, 1979
services held

Merle T. Sparks, 60, of Newton died Monday at Skiff Memorial Hospital. 3-26

Funeral services for Mr. Sparks were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wallace Funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. Edward Susic officiating. Burial was at the Bethel Cemetery in Lynnville.

The son of Frank B. and Jennie Gove Sparks, he was born Nov. 19, 1918, near Sully. He was married to Helen Kaisand of Grinnell on May 7, 1939. Mr. Sparks had farmed for many years in Jasper County and had served as sexton at the Newton Union Cemetery. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; two sons, Ronald and Roger, both of Newton; three grandchildren; and three brothers, the Rev. Hazen Sparks of North Webster, Ind.; Glenn Sparks of Topock, Ariz.; and Wilburg Sparks of Newton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three children in infancy, four brothers and four sisters.