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**Charles M. Stoker
Services Held**

Funeral services were held for Charles M. Stoker, Friday, Sept. 28, at St. John's Lutheran Church at Deep River. Pastor Edmond Weiss officiated, with interment at St. John's Cemetery. Musical selections were presented by Mrs. Roland Burke, who sang "Rock of Ages" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", accompanied by Mrs. LaVern Venzke.

Casketbearers were Fred Willett, Carl Weiss, Will Jahlas Jr., Floyd Faas, Emmett Messer, and Marvin Baustian.

Charles M. Stoker, son of John and Mary Stoker, was born east of Victor, Iowa, May 19, 1892. He passed away at his home northeast of Deep River, Sept. 26, at seventy years of age.

In his youth he attended St. John's Lutheran Christian Day School and was instructed and confirmed by Pastor Otto Kitzmann.

Feb. 9, 1916, he was united in marriage with Ella Roth. To this union, two children were born.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoker have always made their home in the Guernsey-Deep River community, where he engaged in farming.

He is survived by his wife; his son, Merlin; his daughter, Mildred Humphrey; three grandchildren, Mary Ellen, Deborah and Edythe Stoker; three sisters, Emeilia Fruendt, Louise Herzberg and Anna Holly; three brothers, John, Walter and Harold Stoker; other relatives and many friends.