

Francis M. Walter Services Today⁴⁻⁴

11/7/79
Francis Marion Walter, 86, died Monday at his home in Fremont. He had been in poor health since October, when he suffered a stroke. He had lived in Fremont since Sept. 22, after having lived most of his life on a farm near Coatsville, Mo.

He was born on Jan. 13, 1887 in Putnam County, Mo., near Coatsville, at the home of his parents, Joseph Peter and Mary Jermima (Dean) Walter. He was a grandson of the famed Henry Clay Dean, a noted orator who was chaplain of the United States Senate. He taught for several years at Dean, Ia., a town named for his grandfather.

On Feb. 22, 1908, he was married to Lula Ann Locker, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. S. Locker of Schuyler County, Mo. They lived in northeastern Missouri until 1935, when they moved to a farm near Fremont. In 1941, they returned to Missouri, remaining there until last September.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by three children: Ralph Walter of Grinnell; Mrs. Deane H. (Ruth) Dinsmore of Fremont; and F. M. Walter, Jr., of Kirksville, Mo. Other survivors include a sister, Miss Serena Walter of Coatsville, Mo.; ten grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Harry Alfred, Michil Claude and Joseph Peter; and one sister, Mary Jane, who died in infancy.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Fremont Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Russell Reed officiating. Burial was in the Cedar Township Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dr. Rex Dinsmore, Larry D. Dinsmore, Keith C. Dinsmore, Gregory Walter, Dennis Boyd and Rodney Thompson.