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A funeral service was held on Friday, Sept. 23, at

Trinity Lutheran Church near Grinnell with the Rev. Herb Knudten, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Teresa Ziegenmeyer and vocalist was the Rev. Knudten.

Casket bearers were Robert Fuerst, Marvin Kolars, Clifton Schultz, Preston Shaw, Dirk Sleenwenhoek and G.L. (Bud) Smothers. Interment was at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, was in charge of the arrangements.

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on the family farm, attended rural school and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1933.

On Feb. 22, 1939, he was married to Dorothy Mae Box at Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. The couple farmed near Malcom for many years and moved to their farm in Sheridan Township in 1983. Besides operating a grain farm, he also raised Angus cattle. He retired in 1988.

He was a life member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and was also a member of the Farm Bureau and the Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Puls, of rural Grinnell; one son, Donald Puls, of rural Grinnell, and a special friend, Dick Flanagan, of Warwick, Rhode Island.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his twin daughters, Martha and Mary Puls, who died in infancy; two sisters, Edna Badger and Leona Puls; and two brothers, Delmar Puls and Floyd Puls.

Memorials in his name may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

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