

Chris Septer



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Funeral services for Chris Septer were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with Pastor Jeff Lee of the Lynnville Friends Church officiating. Organist was Kathleen McCune. Pallbearers were Ron Hedrick, Fritz and R.C. James, Jon Nibblink, Robert Septer and Marvin Uitermarkt. Burial was in the Sully Cemetery.

He was born July 3, 1912, in Veenendaal, Holland, to William and Jannetje Beyer Septer. He immigrated to the United States in May of 1920 with his family and they eventually settled in the Sully area, where he was educated in rural schools near his home.

He worked as a farm laborer before he married Augusta "Gussie" Maria Diehm on Dec. 25, 1936, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell. The couple lived on farms in Spring Valley in Mahaska County for three years, then moved to a farm west of Taintor, renting from Luke Vander Linden. They later farmed southwest of Ewart, renting from Equitable of New York.

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Survivors include two brothers, Gerrit (Shorty) Septer of Montezuma, and Arnold Septer and his wife, Jean, of Grinnell; one sister-in-law, Isabel Septer of Montezuma; two brothers-in-law, Richard Heemsbergen and Marvin Dieleman, both of Grinnell; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gussie, in 1987; two brothers, William and Richard Septer; and five sisters, Tena Uitermarkt, Christina Baltisberger, Margaret Walker, Reka Heemsbergen and Minnie Dieleman.

Memorial contributions in his name may be directed to the Christian Opportunity Center in Pella.

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