

Owen W. Barr

Owen W. Barr, 75, of Newton, a native of Newburg, died of a heart attack Saturday, Oct. 1, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Newton, with the Rev. Jerry Brown officiating. Burial was in Newton Union Cemetery.

The son of Samuel and Ethel Milligan Barr, he was born Nov. 17, 1918, in Newburg. He was a 1938 graduate of Kellogg High School.

He was married to Esther Miller Aug. 30, 1941, in Lancaster, Mo. He farmed near Kellogg for 16 years and near Reasnor for 25 years before moving to Newton in 1974. Mr. Barr also was a bus driver for the Newton schools. He was a member of the Monroe Community School Board, served as a 4-H leader, was a former board member of the Kellogg and Reasnor United Methodist Church, and was a former member of the National Farmers Organization and the Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Newton First United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Esther; two sons, James of Pella and Ronald of Victor, Mont.; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers, John of Grinnell and Floyd and Joseph of Kellogg; and two sisters, Ida Weaver of Grinnell and Laurine Woortendyke of Rich-ton Park, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Lavon Dunkle; one brother, Chester; and an infant sister, Bertha Mae.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Newton or the Kellogg Museum.

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