

## Waterloo Rites For George Benda

<sup>10/5/70</sup>  
Funeral services were held for Thursday in St. Edward's Catholic Church, for George Gerald Benda, Waterloo, who died of cancer Oct. 5 at Schoitz Memorial Hospital.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Clarence J. Raker, pastor of St. Edward's church of which Mr. Benda was a charter member. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Benda was born Dec. 18, 1905, at Brooklyn to Martin and Anna Macha Benda. He owned a grocery store at Chelsea and also served as president of the Chelsea State Bank. For 25 years, until his retirement in 1966, Mr. Benda was general manager of Geerlings Feed Mills, Inc.

He was a director of the Small Business Administration in Iowa from 1962 to 1968 and served as a delegate to the Democratic national convention in 1956 and 1960. In 1961, he was a guest at the inauguration of the late President John F. Kennedy. Mr. Benda was also campaign manager for Edward J. Gallagher of Waterloo in his bid for Third District representative and also served on a Waterloo flood control advisory committee for several years. In addition to his church affiliation, he was a member of the Holy Name Society, the Elks Lodge and Sunnyside Country Club.

Mr. Benda married Elizabeth Whalen Terry on Aug. 16, 1947, in Denver, Colo. She survives him along with two daughters: Mrs. Gary Thompson of Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Harold Mihm of Iowa City; a son, David, of Rapid City, S.D.; one granddaughter; three brothers: James of Brooklyn, Albert of Chelsea and Martin of Miami, Fla.; and two sisters: Miss Minnie Benda of Chelsea and Mrs. Barbara Boyer of Clutier.

Mr. Benda was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.