

James Benda services held

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The rosary was recited June 10 at Hrabak funeral home in Chelsea.

The eldest child of Martin and Anna Macha Benda, he was born Sept. 28, 1888, near Hartwick. He attended rural schools in Jefferson Township.

He married Rose Agnes Posekany on June 22, 1915, at Seaforth, Minn. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1965.

Mr. Benda farmed until his retirement. He served as a trustee and school director in Jefferson township and was a member of St. Joseph's parish in Chelsea.

For the past several years, he had made his home at St. Francis Manor, Grinnell.

He was honored at a family dinner and open house in October 1978 on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife; three sisters, Barbara, Teresa and Anna; and five brothers, John, Albert, George, Martin and Joseph.

He is survived by three children, Arnold A. Benda of Brooklyn, Kenneth J. Benda of Grinnell, and Alberta W. Brosnahan of Brooklyn, and a sister, Minnie Benda of Chelsea.

Ten grandchildren also survive and there are nine great-grandchildren.

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