

Funeral Rites For Long Time Farmer, Foster Butler, Oct. 14 In Barnes City

Funeral services for Foster J. Butler were conducted Saturday afternoon, Oct. 14, by the Rev. James Seeber at the Barnes City Methodist Church. Music was provided by Mrs. John Grubb and Mrs. Darwin Palmer.

Burial was in IOOF Cemetery at Montezuma. Casket bearers were Bill G. Landstrum, Bob Landstrum, Melvin McMains, Kenny McMains, Bill Graham and Edwin Jensen.

Flower attendants were Mrs. Norman Mason, Mrs. Bill Walston, Mrs. Charles Hamilton and Mrs. Ward Bair.

Mr. Butler, 73, died Oct. 12 at the Tower Park Nursing Home in Oskaloosa.

The son of O. J. and Sara Elizabeth Butler, he was born Feb. 3, 1894, in the Barnes City area. On Dec. 30, 1914, he married Rachel Schooles of Montezuma.

Mr. Butler was a lifelong farmer until illness forced his retirement in 1950. He had farmed in the Barnes City, Montezuma and Gibson areas. He was a longtime member of the Farm Bureau and had been an active member of the Montezuma Methodist Church, Gibson Presbyterian Church and the Barnes City Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel; two daughters, Mrs. Forest (Esther) Knapp of Waterloo and Mrs. Bill (Eileen) Landstrum of Barnes City; five grandsons; one great-grandson; one great-granddaughter; one brother, Verne of Santa Cruz, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Gar (Lela) Grimm of Gibson and Mrs. Milton (Margaret) Jensen of Grinnell; one aunt, Mrs. Laura Gorsuch; and several nieces and nephews.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1967

Foster Butler, 73, Dies; Was Barnes City Farmer

Foster J. Butler, son of O. J. and Sara Elizabeth Butler was born Feb. 3, 1894 in the Barnes City area. He died October 12, 1967 at the Tower Nursing Home in Oskaloosa. A son of the soil, he farmed around Barnes City, Gibson and Montezuma all his working years. On Dec. 30, 1914, he married Rachel Schooles of Montezuma. From that same year he was an active member of the Montezuma Methodist Church, later the Gibson Presbyterian Church and finally the Barnes City Methodist Church to his death.

One of six children, he is survived by one brother, Verne Butler of Santa Cruz, Calif. and two sisters, Lela, Mrs. Gar Grimm of Gibson and Margaret, Mrs. Milton Jensen of Grinnell. Foster and Rachel have two daughters, Esther, Mrs. Forest Knapp of Waterloo and Eileen, Mrs. Bill Landstrum of Barnes City. In addition there are five grandsons, one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

A long time Farm Bureau member, a good neighbor and a steady farmer until illness forced his retirement in 1950, Foster Butler was one who helped to make agriculture American's greatest industry.

Funeral services were held in the Barnes City Methodist Church Saturday October 14 at 2 p.m., Rev. James Seeber officiating. Burial followed at the Montezuma cemetery.