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Butler, 49, dies in Iowa City

Wayne Butler, 48, of Ladora, one of the first ten kidney transplant patients at the University Hospitals in Iowa City, died at the hospital early Saturday morning, Dec. 24.

Funeral services for Wayne E. Butler were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marengo. The Rev. Robert Jacobs officiated at the service. Mrs. James McCaw accompanied the congregational singing on the organ. Gottfried Steinmetz was usher.

Pallbearers were Larry Bine, Ronald Mohr, Clark Huedepohl, Dick Mouchka, all of Marengo; Max Hermann of Ladora; and Gene Root of Blainstown. Burial was in Marengo Cemetery.

Born Dec. 21, 1929, in Grinnell, he was the son of Carl and Lucille Ahrens Butler. He spent his early years in Grinnell before moving, with his family, to the Montezuma area, where he attended rural schools. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1948.

On June 5, 1949, he married Doris Leydens, at the Presbyterian church in Montezuma. The Butler family, including one son and four daughters, farmed in the Malcom and Grinnell area before moving to Ladora in 1956. He was a member of the Iowa County Cattlemen Association, and the Iowa County Pork Producers. He had also served on the board of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Malcom for some time before moving to Ladora.

The Butler family has assisted with activities of the Kidney Foundation of Iowa, and Wayne had served as a volunteer counselor with kidney patients at the University Hospitals.

Surviving him are his wife, Doris; his parents, the Carl Butlers of Grinnell; one son, Kendall Butler; three daughters, Mrs. Tom (Linda) Pirkel of Ladora, Deborah Butler of Lexington, Neb., and Rebecca Butler of Ladora; two brothers, Ron Butler of

Grinnell and Willis Butler Sweeney, Tex.

He was preceded in death a daughter, Wendy, in 1975, a brother, Dale, in 1964.

11 - R Jan. 12, 1978
**Butler rites held
in Marengo**

Funeral services for Wayne E. Butler, 48, of Ladora, were held Tuesday, Dec. 27, at St. John's Lutheran church in Marengo.

Wayne Butler died Dec. 24 at the University Hospitals in Iowa City, after entering there Dec. 16 because of a heart attack. His death, officials said, was of myocardial infarction.

Butler, a former resident of the Grinnell area, was one of the first ten patients to undergo a kidney transplant at the University Hospitals.

Surviving him are his wife, Doris, his parents, the Carl Butlers of Grinnell; a son, Kendall Butler; three daughters, Mrs. Tom (Linda) Pirkel of Ladora, Deborah Butler of Lexington, Neb.; and Rebecca Butler of Ladora; two grandchildren; and two brothers, Ron Butler of Grinnell and Willis Butler of Sweeney, Tex.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Wendy, in 1975, and a brother, Dale, in 1964.