

May 8, 1975

Lester Cope services set

Lester W. Cope, 61, of Rock Creek Lake, Kellogg, died early Wednesday morning at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Cope will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kellogg Methodist Church, with the Rev. Carl Klein officiating. Burial will be at Our Silent City Cemetery, Kellogg, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of A. Arthur and Lila White Cope, he was born Feb. 12, 1914, in Mahaska County near New Sharon. He attended Lynnville public schools and the American Aircraft School in Des Moines.

On Sept. 18, 1934, he was married to Bessie L. Thompson in Lynnville. The couple had four children, Richard, Roger, Larry and Debra. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cope farmed near Searsboro, Prairie City and Hartford. During World War II they moved to Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. Cope was associated with the North American

Aircraft Company. They later farmed near New Sharon, Leoni and Boone. Beginning in 1952, they farmed north of Kellogg until 1968 when they became associated with the Y.M.C.A. Boys Home in Johnston as residential counselors. They had maintained their home at Rock Creek since 1972.

Mr. Cope was an active member of the Kellogg United Methodist Church. He helped form a 4-H club in Decatur County and also in Jasper County.

Survivors include his wife; his four children, Richard L. Cope of Omaha, Neb., Roger D. Cope of Grinnell, Larry W. Cope of Kellogg, and Mrs. Dan (Debra I.) Jackson of Brookfield, Mo.; nine grandchildren; one brother, Howard Cope of Prairie City; and a sister, Mrs. Helen Vandehaar of Mitchellville. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mrs. Marie Wagaman.

Rites held for Lester Cope

May 12, 1975

Funeral services were held Saturday for Lester W. Cope, 61, of Rock Creek Lake, who died May 7 at Grinnell General Hospital.

The Rev. Carl Klein of the Kellogg United Methodist Church officiated, and music was provided by Mrs. Ron Toppenberg, organist, and Duane Brand, J.C. Brand, Warren Stanley and Ron Toppenberg, vocalists.

Pallbearers were Larry Ashby, Chester Barr, Floyd Barr, Raymond Coburn, Harold Duffus and Robert Townsend. Honorary pallbearers were Stanley Ashby, Bill Gill, William Jackson, Dale Lenz, Dwight Lenz and Richard Thomas.

Burial was at Our Silent City Cemetery at Kellogg, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Cope's name may be made to the YMCA Boys Home at Johnston, Iowa.