

DeWitte Rites Are Held Here Friday

OSCAR

Funeral services for Oscar DeWitte, 73, Brooklyn area farmer for more than 50 years, were conducted Friday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Patrick's church here. The Rev. L.H. Mork read the requiem mass and preached the funeral sermon.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery at Victor. Serving as pallbearers were William Roth, Edward Van De Voorde, Lewis DeVilder, Mark Johnston, Don Michalek and Emil Seye.

Mr. DeWitte died Feb. 14 at Veterans hospital in Iowa City. He had been ill for about two months.

Born in Ste. Kruis Winkel, Belgium, May 28, 1888, he was the son of Karel and Rosalie Van Belle DeWitte. He immigrated to the United States in 1910, coming first to Chicago. Later he moved to the Brooklyn community, where he entered army service during WW I.

After the war, he was married on August 21, 1919, to Mary L. Himschoot of Brooklyn. She survives, along with the couple's five children: Mrs. Tony (Lorraine) Martello of Downey, Calif.; Mrs. Ray (Betty) Bornholdt of Phoenix, Ariz.; Bernard of Cedar Rapids; and Donald and Robert of Brooklyn. The DeWittes also made a home for a granddaughter, Nancy Zika, when she was ten months old. She is now Mrs. Harvey Plant of Tempe, Ariz.

Other survivors, in addition to nine grandchildren and one great grandchild, include a brother, August DeWitte of Holland, Minn., and a brother and sister, Alphons and Mrs. Marie DePuydt, in Belgium.