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William Fuerst services held

William Fuerst, 71, of rural Grinnell, died Saturday afternoon, July 2, at Grinnell General Hospital. He had been hospitalized recently, after being in failing health for the past few years.

Funeral services for William Fuerst were held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Gerald F. Brown, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcom, officiating. Organist was Teresa Ahrens, and pallbearers were Wesley Ahrens, Edward Hollmann, Lester Luttmann, Wilbur Osland, Lyle Phipps, and Delmar Puls. Flowerbearers were Mr. and Mrs. Stanely Ahrens and Elizabeth Schultz. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Matthias and Margretha Thiessen Fuerst, he was born in Norderstapel, Germany, on March 28, 1906. He attended schools near his home, and came to the United States in 1926.

After working on farms in the Malcom area for some years, he was married in 1932 to Mabel Oltrogge. The couple had two children, Robert Fuerst of rural Grinnell, and Mrs. Raymond (Margaret) Cadden of rural Brooklyn. The couple farmed in Sheridan township before moving to their rural Grinnell home in 1961. Mr. Fuerst was a member of the Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife; his children; three sisters: Katrina Voss of Plon, Germany, Madgalene Diedrichsen of Norderstapel, Germany, and Margretha Meding of Fresendelf, Germany; and two brothers, John Fuerst of Malcom and August Fuerst of Bergen, Germany. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Peter, Matthias, and Hans Fuerst.