Otto Holst rites today

Otto LeRoy Holst, 48, of 1510 First Ave. died Monday morning, Jan. 14, at University Hospitals in Iowa City, following an illness of the past several years.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Marcus E. Reitz, pastor of the curch, and the Rev. Harold A. Scheer, chaplain at University Hospitals, officiating. Organist will be Margaret Amo. Pallbearers will be Jerry Matthew, Vern Schoeneman, Wayne Reed, Carroll Border, Leo Duncall and Norman Erickson. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery, Belle Plaine, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Should firends desire, memorials in Mr. Holst's name may be made to the Kidney Foundation or to the Diabetes Association and left at the funeral home.

The son of Otto and Helen Phelps Holst, he was born June 1, 1931, at Belle Plaine. He attended schools there and was employed for a time with the Northwestern Railroad as a sectionman. He later was employed in Gladbrook and Des Moines before going to Northwest Iowa Technical College in Sheldon in 1971. He became custodial maintenance supervisor at the school.

On Oct. 8, 1971, he was married to Ruth Anne Schumacher Hass at Canton, S.D. The couple continued to live in Sheldon until Mr. Holst's health failed, requiring frequent trips to Iowa City, and they moved to Grinnell in 1977. Mr. Host was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife; his children, Mrs. John (Debra) Louma of Lovell, Wyo., Mrs. Craig (Sandi) Fletcher of Bullhead City, Ariz., Roger Holst of Gillette, Wyo., and Steve and Toni Holst, both of Casper, Wyo.; his stepchildren, Richard, Calvin, Barbara, Jennette, Carmen and Cynthia, all of Grinnell, Mrs. Frank (Rebecca) Ates of Urania, La., and Douglas Hass of Joplin, Mo.; four grandchildren; one step-grandson; his parents; four sisters, Mrs. Russell (Zola) Catron of Buckingham, Mrs. Viola Koeppen of Belle Plaine, Mrs. Melvin (Dora) Jacks of Victor and Mrs. Maxine Leonard of Belle Plaine; and a brother, John Host of California. He was preceded in death by a brother in infancy.