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Monday, November 17, 1969

Oliver Lawthers Rites Conducted

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. today (Monday, Nov. 17) for Oliver L. Lawthers, 60, of Rte. 3, Grinnell, who died suddenly Thursday evening at his farm home of an apparent heart condition.

The Rev. James Davidson, minister of the Sheridan United Methodist church, officiated at the services which were held at the Smith Funeral Home.

Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers were Harlan Dare, Robert Foster, Norman Graham, Max Hays, Wayne Hendrickson and Lawrence Stanley. Honorary Pallbearers were David Anthony, Harvey Harris, Merle Harris and Eldon Petersen.

Flower bearers were Mrs. Harlan Dare and Mrs. Esther Simmons.

Burial was in Sheridan Cemetery northeast of Grinnell.

The son of James Edward and Sarah Martin Lawthers, Mr. Lawthers was born at David City, Neb., on Aug. 29, 1909. He attended the schools of David City.

On May 2, 1930, he married Mary Williams in Brighton, Colo. To the couple were born two children—Robert L. Lawthers and Mrs. Robert (Delores P.) Johnson, No. 1266 of Grinnell and a 20-year member of Sonora Grange.

Mr. Lawthers lived for a time in Rising City, Neb., before coming to Grinnell to make his home in 1940. He was a member of the Sheridan United Methodist church and the BPO Elks Lodge No. 1266 of Grinnell.

Survivors include his wife Mary; his two children; five grandchildren—Brian Lawthers, Belinda Lawthers, Danny Johnson, Gary Johnson and Jolene Johnson; one great-grandson, Aaron Todd Johnson, and one brother, James Lawthers of Shelby, Neb.

Mr. Lawthers was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Clarence and Cecil Lawthers.