

17-18 October 5
Virgil Lidtka 1954

services held

Virgil T. Lidtka, 85, of 1310 Spring St., Grinnell, died of cancer Sunday, Oct. 4, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Schlobohm, pastor of the Sheridan Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Barbara Graham, and vocal and guitar music was provided by Edward Hotchkin.

Pallbearers were Floyd Heishman, Lyle Heishman, Franklin Reimers, John Reimers, Clair Simmons and Norman Wherle. Fraternal rites were conducted by B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1266 of Grinnell. Burial was in the Sheridan Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Virgil Lidtka Memorial Fund.

The son of Ed and Mary Wehrli, he was born on Dec. 13, 1901, near Malcom. He attended rural school near Malcom and later attended Grinnell schools.

On Oct. 16, 1923, he was married to Lucile Phipps at Chicago. The couple farmed in Chester, Madison and Sheridan townships. They retired in 1966 and moved to Grinnell in 1971.

Mr. Lidtka was a member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1266 of Grinnell and was a former member of the Sonora and Pleasant Hill Granges.

He is survived by his wife, Lucile; two daughters, Elaine Heishman and Caroline Hotchkin, both of Grinnell; one son, Lavern of Malcom; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, Tracy of Grinnell; and one sister, Aline L. Petersen, also of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Afton.