

## Melvin Meredith Rites Held Monday

Melvin Marshall Meredith, 64, died early Saturday morning at his home in Searsboro, following a lengthy illness. Born June 6, 1904, he was the son of Jess and Martha Darringer Meredith, and a life-long resident of the Searsboro and Lynnville communities. He formerly operated the Standard Oil truck at Searsboro.

Surviving are his wife, Merilee; his father, Jess Meredith of Searsboro; three sons, Gene of Columbia, Mo., Larry of Grinnell, and Harold of Kellogg; five grandchildren;

three brothers, Lowell of Kellogg, Leland of Grinnell and Denver of Searsboro; and five sisters, Mrs. Joe Ponder of Newton, Mrs. Ila Van Willigen of Barnes City, Mrs. Albert (Olive) Burnham of Grinnell, Mrs. Miron (Neola) Brayton of Newton and Mrs. Charles (Mildred) Renaud of Sully.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at the Searsboro Community Friends Church with the Rev. Myrtle Lee officiating. Burial was in Slagel Cemetery south of Newton.

Thursday, August 29, 1968

## Last Rites Said For Melvin Meredith

SEARSBORO (Special) — Funeral services were held for Melvin Marshall Meredith Monday afternoon at Searsboro Friends Community church. Meredith died Aug. 24, 1968, at his home. Presiding at the services was the Rev. Myrtle Lee. Music was provided by Homer McDowell, soloist, who was accompanied by Mrs. Howard Macy.

Pallbearers were William Gray, Kenneth Smith, John Stracker, Gerald Sarver, Leo Evans, Delbert Ravi, William Schmidt, and John McDowell. Flower bearers were Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Floyd McGinn, Mrs. Clifford Baker, Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, and Mrs. Ollie McDowell.

Burial was in Slagel cemetery. Harden Funeral Home of New Sharon was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Meredith was born June 6, 1904, the son of Jesse and Etta Darringer Meredith. On March 12, 1924, he was united in marriage with Merilee Ponder. To this union were born four sons—Harold of Kellogg, Keith (deceased), Gene of Columbia, Mo., and Larry of Grinnell.

Mr. Meredith lived in Poweshiek and Jasper counties all his life. He farmed near Lynnville and Searsboro and later drove an oil truck. Meredith-retired in 1962 following surgery. He had been in poor health since his surgery.

Survivors include his widow, Merilee; his father; three sons; five grandchildren — Douglas, Becky, Lynn, Greg, and Amanda; five sisters—Mrs. Bernice Ponder of Newton, Mrs. Ila Van Willigen

of Barnes City, Mrs. Olive Burnham of Grinnell, Mrs. Neola Brayton of Newton, and Mrs. Mildred Renaud of Sully; and three brothers—Lowell, Leland, and Lavern.

Mr. Meredith was preceded in death by his mother, his brother Harold, and his son Keith.