

McIlrath Rites At Hartwick Sunday

A heart attack claimed the life of N.H. McIlrath, 82, at Community hospital in Grinnell last Thursday. Mr. McIlrath had been released from St. Luke's hospital in Cedar Rapids October 12 where he had undergone surgery a week previously. He had been convalescing in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Foster, when he became suddenly ill last Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Congregational church in Hartwick with the Rev. Robert Cutbirth officiating. The Rev. C. W. Woodlard, pastor of Grace Methodist church in Brooklyn, assisted. Mrs. Everett Korn, organist, accompanied Mrs. Calvin Korn and Mrs. Robert Cutbirth singing, "Will the Circle be Unbroken" and "Shall We Gather at the River."

Burial was in the Hartwick cemetery with Calvin Korn, George Williams, Virgil Sherwood, Melvin Gray, Ralph Smith and Everett Korn serving as pallbearers. Assisting with flowers were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bees, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lynn.

Nathaniel Hugh McIlrath, son of Nathaniel Hugh and Agnes McIlrath, was born March 1, 1882, at Hartwick and died October 29, 1964. He had lived in the Hartwick community until a few years ago when he retired from the farm and moved into Brooklyn. He had been an auctioneer for over 50 years in the surrounding area.

Mr. McIlrath was a life-long member of the Congregational church in Hartwick and had served for many years in activities of the church.

He was married to Stella Ina Hakeman of Hartwick Nov. 20, 1901. Eight children were born to the couple. They are Mrs. Fred (Leona) Martens of Chelsea, Clair of Brooklyn, Elven of Colorado Springs, Colo., Bernard of Shellsburg, Floyd of Springfield, Mo., Clifford of Shellsburg, and Mrs. William (Evalena) Dale and Mrs. Lawrence (Lila) Foster of Brooklyn.

Survivors include his wife; eight children; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Craemer of Cleveland, Ohio and Mrs. Agnes Bennett of Santa Monica, Calif.; 22 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Ella Warnick and Mrs. Anna Shultz, and one brother, J.L. McIlrath.

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