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Monday, June 30, 1969

Last Rites Said For Elmer Puls

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today (Monday) for Elmer Puls, 75, of 125 East St., who died Thursday evening at Grinnel General Hospital East where he had been a patient since that morning.

Services were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Malcom with the Rev. Elmer Elsey officiating. A prayer service preceded the regular service at 1:30 p.m. at the James Schalinske Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wayne Dayton was vocalist at the funeral services and Mrs. Marvin Nothnagel was organist. Serving on the flower committee were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reams, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wernerberg and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wichman.

Pallbearers were John Puls Jr., Walter Puls, Nigel Walters, Walter Plum, Charles Dillon and Clare Gross. Ushers were Grover Loftin and Raymond Ahrens.

Burial was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

The son of Louis and Minnie Schultz Puls, Mr. Puls was born Feb. 9, 1894, in Malcom Township where he attended the rural Malcom Schools No. 2 and 8.

On Oct. 17, 1911, he was married to Sylvia M. Baustian at his parents' home north of Malcom. Following their marriage, they farmed in the Malcom and Chester communities until 1955 when they moved to Grinnell.

Mr. Puls was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include three daughters—Mrs. Theresa Schultz, Mrs. Kevin (Norma) Griffin and Mrs. Richard (Ruth) Hasselbrink, all of Grinnell, three sons — Shirley Puls, Wayne Puls and Robert Puls, all of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; two sisters—Mrs. Josie Mithelman and Mrs. Evelyn Gross, both of Grinnell; and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Puls was preceded in death by his wife on July 4, 1966; his parents; two sisters—Mrs. Ida Ferguson and Mrs. Marie Fogel; and five brothers—John, Theodore, Fred, Lewis and Charles.