

Long Time Searsboro Resident, R.A. Sarver, Dies In Detroit

Roscoe Amos Sarver, 87, of Searsboro, died suddenly Saturday morning, Feb. 5, at Detroit, Mich., where he had made his home with his sons for the last four years.

He was born April 18, 1878, in Mahaska County, Iowa, the son of John and Laura Shank Sarver, one of a family of 11 children. He attended the Granville schools and lived in the New Sharon area.

On May 28, 1899, at Oskaloosa, he married Elizabeth Mitchell. To this union were born one daughter and six sons: Mrs. John (Velma) Newport of Searsboro; Melvin, Calvin and Robert of Detroit, Mich.; Kenneth of Indianapolis, Ind.; Gerald of Grinnell and Keith of Whittier, Calif.

In addition to his daughter and sons, Mr. Sarver is survived by 17 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren;

two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Myrtle Lunt and Ralph Sarver, both of Oskaloosa, Edgar Sarver of Colfax, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Leichte of Los Angeles, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Elizabeth on June 14, 1957, two sisters and four brothers.

Mr. Sarver farmed and lived with his family in the New Sharon area until 1910 when they moved to Poweshiek County. He lived on the farm near Searsboro since 1917. He had also been custodian for the Searsboro High School for 13 years. Following the death of his wife, he made his home with his daughter and sons. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Searsboro for over 45 years and attended the

Searsboro Friends Church.

Funeral services for Mr. Sarver were held Tuesday afternoon at the Searsboro Friends Church with the pastor, the Rev. Myrtle Lee and the Rev. Ercil Craven of Oak Grove, officiating. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery at Searsboro. IOOF graveside rites were conducted by George Johnson and James Evans and members of the Searsboro Odd Fellows Lodge. Vocal music was provided by Homer McDowell accompanied by Mrs. Frank Mitchell at the organ.

Casket bearers were George Johnson, Floyd Hasley, Leo Evans, John McDowell, Delbert Rayl and Joe Hasley. Assisting with the flowers were Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Mildred McCullough and Mrs. Glen Stewart.

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Pallbearers will be George Johnson, Floyd Hasley, Leo Evans, John McDowell, Delbert Rayl and Joe Hasley. Interment will be at the IOOF cemetery at Searsboro with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Graveside rites will be conducted by George Johnson and James Evans and members of the Searsboro Odd Fellows Lodge.

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