

Merl Schmidt H-12 services held 8/29/75

Merl J. Schmidt, 58, a well-known Sheridan-area farmer, died Friday, Aug. 29, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2 at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Tama, with the Rev. Harold Tegtmeier officiating. Burial was at Mapel Grove Cemetery, rural Tama, where graveside services were conducted by Aerie 2828 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The son of Henry and Amelia Jacobsen Schmidt, he was born May 11, 1917, in Poweshiek County. He received his education in Columbia Township, Tama County.

He was married to Wilma J. Weitzell of rural Malcom on June 1, 1945. The couple farmed in the Sheridan community.

Mr. Schmidt was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Eagles lodge, the Tama County Farm Bureau, and was president of the Maple Grove Cemetery Association.

Survivors include his wife; four children, Mrs. Perry (Mary Lynn) Thompson of Lajes Air Force Base in the Azores, Richard Merle Schmidt of Marshalltown, John Charles Schmidt of Malcom, and Robert Earl at the family home; one granddaughter, Paula Lynn Thompson; two grandsons, Eric LeRoy and Marc Ray Schmidt; and his mother, Mrs. Amelia Schmidt of Tama.

He was preceded in death by his father, an infant daughter, and a brother, Earl.