

Edgar Alvin

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Thursday, April 10, 1969

'Bud' Sears Dies; Services Friday At Baptist Church

Edgar Alvin "Bud" Sears, 42, of 1604 Prairie St., died suddenly Wednesday afternoon of an apparent heart condition while at work on a home construction site.

The son of Homer A. and Mae Stahl Sears, Mr. Sears was born in Chester Township, north of Grinnell on July 31, 1926. He attended the Chester schools and, later, when the family moved to Geneseo, Iowa, graduated from Geneseo High School.

During World War II he served in the United States Marine Corps. Following his discharge he was married to Shirley Vance on April 11, 1948, near Dysart, Iowa. To this union were born six children—David A., 18; James H., 16; Pamela Sue, 15; Dan E., 13; Jeffrey L., 5; and Christopher A., 17 months.

Mr. Sears had farmed for seven years near Traer, Iowa and then was associated with banks at Center City, Minn., and Wibaux, Mont. He returned to Iowa and was appointed President of the Modale, Iowa, Savings Bank and Insurance Agency, a position he had served for 10 years. While in Modale, Mr. Sears was on the Missouri Valley, Iowa, Hospital Board and was Treasurer of the West Harrison School District.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears and their family moved to Grinnell three years ago to make their home and he established the Sears Quality Home Construction Co. He was a member of the Lewis C. Murdoch American Legion Post No. 640 at Newburg, Iowa; and the Grinnell B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1226.

Survivors include his wife Shirley, his six children; his father Homer A. Sears of Traer, Iowa; and three brothers and four sisters — Donald R. Sears of Grinnell, Arthur E. Sears of Hiawatha, Kan., Mrs. Keith (Rhoda Mae) Wilkinson of Westgate, Ia., Mrs. Norma (Wilma) Holub, Buckingham, Iowa, and Mrs. William (Lois) Danker Jr. of Traer, Iowa.

Mr. Sears was preceded in death by his mother on August 4, 1967, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Temple.

Funeral services for Mr. Sears

will be held 2 p.m. Friday at the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Vernon Smith, pastor of the church, officiating. Assisting will be the Rev. Harley Peters, pastor of the Traer, Iowa Calvary Baptist church and the Rev. Sam Reaves, pastor of the Grinnell Assembly of God church.

Organist will be Mrs. Leonard Pearce.

Graveside rites will be conducted by Jack Day, Chaplain, and Robert T. Mason, Commander of the Lewis Murdoch American Legion Post No. 640 of Newburg, Iowa. Burial will be made in Chester Township cemetery, north of Grinnell.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions in memory of Mr. Sears, may be made to the Grinnell General Hospital Building Fund.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.