H-R Sept. 23, Homer Sears, 1976, rites Friday

Homer A. Sears, 86, of Traer, a former resident of the Chester area, died Wednesday at Waterloo. 9-22

Funeral services for Mr. Sears are tentatively set for Friday in Traer.

Homer Sears services held #-R 9/28/76

Funeral services for Homer A. Sears, 86, were held Friday, Sept. 24, at the Traer United Methodist Church. Mr. Sears died Sept. 22 at a Waterloo hospital.

The Rev. Andrew Stewart-Morris, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Traer, and the Rev. Harley Peters of Shell Rock officiated at the services. Burial was at Buckingham Cemetery.

The son of Maynard and Alice Koester Sears, he was born Dec. 17, 1889, near Grinnell. He attended rural schools and was graduated from Grinnell Academy. He was a graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in civil engineering. Mr. Sears served for a short time as an elementary school teacher.

He was married to Mae F. Stahl on Aug. 16, 1917, and the couple farmed near Grinnell. The family moved to a farm near Traer in 1939, continuing to farm there until 1954 and

maintaining an interest in the farm until the present.

Mr. Sears is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Keith (Rhoda) Wilkinson of Westgate, Mrs. Dean (Dorothy) Elliott of Dysart, Mrs. Norman (Wilma) Holub of Buckingham, and Mrs. William (Lois) Danker of Traer; three sons, Donald of Grinnell, Arthur of Kiawatha, Kan., and Kenneth of La Porte City; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Thompson of Tama; 38 grandchildren; and 27 greatgrandchildren; He was preceded in death by his wife, a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.