

Myron Sears, 73, Chester Farmer, Dies

H-R Sept 27, 1954
Lifelong Resident Of
Chester Township Passes
Away This Morning



Myron Sears

Myron Sears, 73, prominent Chester Township farmer and a lifelong resident of that area, passed away at a local hospital about 8 a.m. today.

Mr. Sears suffered a heart attack about two weeks ago and has been bedridden since then.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, Sept. 30, at Chester church at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Chester cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Virgil Case), of Grinnell; four sons, Adelbert of Gilman, Howard of Malcom, George of Ostrander, Minnesota; and Dick, of Grinnell; a brother, Ed, of Cedar Rapids; and grandsons and granddaughters.

A Community Leader

Born in Chester Township, on January 25, 1881, Mr. Sears was a leader in Farm Bureau and community activity in that area. He was an active member of the Chester Congregational Church.

He was also one of the leaders in raising registered Ayrshire cattle in the county.

Honorary Pioneer

Mr. Sears was recently honored as an Honorary Pioneer during the Grinnell Centennial for his contributions to the Grinnell area in the field of agriculture.

Mr. Sears was a man with many friends, and a man who contributed much to his community.

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Myron A. Sears

Myron Adelbert Sears was born January 25th, 1881, a son of Milton Adelbert and Etta Bacon Sears who lived in Chester Township. He passed away Sept. 27th, 1954. He grew to manhood in the Chester neighborhood, living not more than a mile and a half from the church. He has often said, "I lived on the same place since the spring of '96 and it seems pretty much like home."

He joined in Christ's work through the church at an early age.

On December 9th, 1903 he was united in marriage to Edith Louisa Palmer. To this union was born one daughter, Margaret, now Mrs. Virgil Case of Grinnell, and four sons, Adelbert of Gilman, Howard of Malcom, George of Ostrander, Minnesota, and Richard of Grinnell. There are fourteen grandchildren and he has one brother Edward, and a nephew Tom, of Cedar Rapids and a host of other relatives and friends. His parents preceded him in death.

He served his community well by taking an active part in the church, Sunday School, Grange, and Public Schools. He was a charter member of the Farm Bureau. He was aggressive in public improvements. He and his wife observed their Golden Wedding anniversary December 9th, 1953. All his children and their families were together for the celebration. He was sincere and yet possessed an unusual sense of humor.

He was considered a successful farmer and only a few weeks ago was honored as an Honorary Pioneer during the Grinnell Centennial for his contributions to the Grinnell Area in the field of Agriculture.

He is survived by his wife, all his children and their families, and his one brother and his family.

Funeral services were held at the Chester Congregational church on September 30 with Rev. James Ameling officiating. Burial was at Chester cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in

charge.

Flower bearers were Mrs. Ray Brubaker, Mrs. Lee Emmert, and Mrs. Robert McDowell. Music was by Mrs. Beatrice Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Palmer. Pallbearers were John Bennett, Daryl Eames, Merle Harris, Farrell Siehl, Clair Strand and Harold Tice.