

## Rene Seye

Rene Seye, 91, of Guernsey died Saturday, April 30, at a Marengo hospital.

Funeral services were conducted May 2 at the McAninch-Fremming Funeral Home in Victor, with the Rev. Torger Johnson, pastor of the Guernsey United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel, and soloist was Sue Kluber.

Pallbearers were Harlan Burke, Marvin Hicks, Robert Seye, Gerald Slaymaker, Scott Steffen and Charles Ranfeld. Honorary bearers were Marion Baustian, Roy Ehrmann, Elmer Graesser, George Mullen, Neff Ritchie and Wayne Stienstra.

Burial was in Ohio Cemetery, Iowa County.

The son of Charles and Lucy Martens Seye, he was born March 23, 1903, in Waukegan, Ill. He received his education at rural schools near Victor.

He was married to Elna Rumpel Sept. 30, 1928, in Ladora. They lived in the Ladora, Hartwick and Victor areas where Mr. Seye worked as a farmhand. They moved to Guernsey in 1951, and he began working for Amana Refrigeration Co. He retired in 1968 after 17 years of service.

During his retirement he was caretaker of the Guernsey and Harmony cemeteries. He was a lifelong member of the Victor I.O.O.F. Lodge, served on the Guernsey School Board and was a former member of the Guernsey Town Council.

Surviving are his wife, Elna; his daughters, Beverly Ann King of Guernsey and Boneta Mae Ritchie of Marion; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one step-great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Charles Edward in infancy; two brothers, William and Maurice; and a sister, Jeanette Stafford.

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Elna made their home in the Ladora, Hartwick, and Victor areas where Rene served as a farmhand for several area farmers. In 1951 they moved into Guernsey and he began working at the Amana Refrigeration Co. After 17 years of service Rene retired in 1968. During his retirement years he was caretaker of the Guernsey and Harmony cemeteries and also did various mowing jobs, along with helping on the farm.

He is survived by his wife, Elna; his children and their spouses, Beverly Ann and Lee King of Guernsey, and Boneta Mae and Carroll Ritchie of Marion; five grandchildren and their spouses, David and Janet King, Douglas and Joani King and Dianne King, Craig and Cherie Ritchie and Christine Ritchie; one great-grandson, Clayton King and one step great granddaughter, Casy Aschun.

Rene died early Saturday, April 30, at Marengo Hospital. He was 91 years of age and he was preceded in death by his parents, one son; Charles Edward who died in infancy in 1940, two brothers, William and Maurice Seye, and one sister, Jeanette Stafford.

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B.C. May 4, 1994