

Vernon Sietmann

Vernon H. Sietmann, 84, of rural Laurel died Saturday, March 16, at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Laurel United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Neil Montz officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Laurel, with the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home of Marshalltown in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Sietmann's name may be made to the Graceland Cemetery Association, Laurel.

He was the son of Lewis and Grace Stanton Sietmann and was born Dec. 5, 1911. He was a 1930 graduate of Laurel High School.

He was married to Wilma Vieth Feb. 24, 1934, in Morrison, Ill.

Mr. Sietmann served on the Graceland Cemetery Board and was board president for the past 30 years. He also was secretary of the

Laurel School Board, was an original incorporator of the Rural Electric Cooperative and served on the Laurel Telephone Board. He was regarded as the oral historian of the Laurel area and was involved in wildlife and conservation projects.

He farmed in the Laurel and Crookston, Minn., areas and held several patents, including the overhead grain dryer and the hillside combine attachment. He was involved with custom corn-shelling businesses and bulldozing, and for the past 50 years was active in the farm implement and automotive repair and sales business in Laurel.

Surviving are two daughters, Beth Keese of rural Gilman and Wanda Smith of Laurel; one sister, Esther Dendel of Costa Mesa, Calif.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his longtime companion, Pat Grabenbauer of Marshalltown.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

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