

Ralph C. Smith

Funeral services are to be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Hartwick Bible Church in Hartwick for Ralph C. Smith, 78, who died Sunday, Sept. 21, 1997, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. The Revs. Paul Hughes and Torger Johnson, and Mike Lawler will officiate.

Joan McConnell is the organist, accompanying Marlene Carter, singing "Under His Wings," "In the Garden" and "Because He Lives."

Casketbearers are Randy Smith, Craig Bean, David Tallman, Eric Van Buren, Darrell Schafbuch, Neil Daniels, Dan Daniels, Rod Schafbuch, Jamie Smith, Josh Smith and Jordan Smith. Flower bearers are Wally and Betty Roth and Howard and Ann Olson. Graveside rites are to be conducted by members of the Harold E. Smith American Legion Post #54. Interment will be in the Hartwick Cemetery.

Ralph was born on Dec. 31, 1918, at Hartwick, to Rayman and Maude Showalter Smith. He was raised at Hartwick and graduated with the class of 1937 from Hartwick High School.

On May 19, 1940, he was married to Clovis Creps at Brooklyn. The couple made their home in the Hartwick area, where he farmed and operated a feed business. He also worked for the Rohrer Brothers and Miracle Recreation Company in Grinnell. He retired in 1982.

Ralph was a member of the Hartwick Bible Church and served as the church treasurer and deacon. He was past Commander of the Brooklyn American Legion and a member of the Harold E. Smith American Legion Post #54, Victor. He had also served as a member of the Hartwick Fire Department, the Hartwick City Council and the HLV School Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Roger; and two brothers, Clyde and Wallace.

Survivors include his wife, Clovis; his children and their spouses, Judy and John Van Buren of Hartwick, Jean and Ray Daniels of Eden Prairie, Minn., Gary and Linda Smith of Marengo, Kevin and Cindy Smith of Victor, as well as his daughter-in-law, Marcella Smith of Elberon; 14 grandchildren, Marilyn, Randy, Marsha, Marlys, Dawn, Eric, Tracy, Neil, Dan, Lori, Jamie, Josh, Jordan and Jacie; and 13 great-grandchildren, Terra, Jonathan, Saxon, Michael, Jonathan, Rachel, Morgan, Jacob, Hannah, Bailey, Alexis, Emilee and Nathaniel.

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