

Dr. Richard Sparks Of Lynnville Dies; Services Wed.

LYNNVILLE (Special) — Dr. Richard Edward Sparks, 35, prominent physician of this community, died suddenly at his home here Saturday, Jan. 29th.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Lynnville Friends church with the Rev. Peter Schuler officiating, assisted by the Rev. Robert Cutbirth of Hartwick. Vocal music will be provided by a male quartet composed of Warren Stanley, Ross Ratcliff, Homer McDowell and Jacob Brand. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Ron Toppenberg. Also providing organ music will be Mrs. Wallace Williams.

Pallbearers will be Arl Crews, Marvin Norman, Lloyd Sparks, Arnold Terpstra, Glen Van Genderen, Rex Stewart, Ervin Meredith and Dale White. In charge of flowers will be Mrs. Glen Van Genderen, Mrs. Vernon Jay, Mrs. Arl Crews and Miss Barbara DePenning. Burial will be in Woodland cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community hospital in Grinnell for equipment and will be received by Lucille Sparks at Van's TV in Lynnville.

The son of Hollis and Opal Sparks, he was born at Newton on July 10th, 1930. He graduated from Lynnville high school in 1948 and from William Penn College in 1953. He received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Iowa in 1957.

He interned for one year at Saginaw, Mich., and began practice in Lynnville in 1958.

On Feb. 3rd, 1951 he was united in marriage with Marilyn Watson of Searsboro.

He was a member of the Lynnville Friends church, local civic organizations, and various medical boards.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; four children, Elizabeth, Stephen, Susan and Laurie; his mother, Mrs. Opal Hubbard of Grinnell; two brothers, Eugene of Boulder, Colo. and Jerry of Cedar Rapids; and one sister, Mrs. David (Judy) Ahrens of Livermore, Calif.

Rites Wednesday For Dr. Sparks Of Lynnville

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On Feb. 3, 1951 he married Marilyn Watson of Searsboro.

He is survived by his wife and their four children, Elizabeth, Stephen, Susan and Laurie; his mother, Mrs. Earl Hubbard of Grinnell; two brothers, Eugene of Boulder, Colo., and Jerry of Cedar Rapids; and a sister, Mrs. David (Judy) Ahrens of Livermore, Calif.