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Thursday, February 2, 1967

## Rites Held For Elmer Weitzell, Sheridan Resident

Funeral services for Elmer F. Weitzell, 76, of the Sheridan community were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, 1967, at the Sheridan Methodist church.

Interment was in the Sheridan Cemetery.

The Mason Funeral Home was in charge.

Mr. Weitzell died early Saturday morning, January 21, 1967, at Evangelical hospital in Marshalltown where he had been a patient for two weeks. Death was due to a heart ailment. He had been in failing health for several years and a hospital patient on several occasions, the most recent being in 1963 at Iowa City.

Elmer Floyd Weitzell, son of Alfred H. and Rebecca Jane Richards Weitzell, was born January 16, 1891, on a farm southeast of LeGrand, Iowa. He was reared in the LeGrand area and attended a rural school.

On November 5, 1917, at age 26, he enlisted in the Navy at Des Moines and entered the Great Lakes, Ill., training camp. He served as ships cook 3rd class on a troop transport operating between Philadelphia and Brest, France, during World War I. He was discharged from the Navy October 16, 1919, and his remaining years were spent farming in the Sheridan community.

He married Clara Mohrfeld of Sheridan on March 11, 1925, the wedding taking place at the Methodist parsonage in Toledo. Following his marriage he operated the farm of his wife's father. This place, located 1 1/4 miles north and 3 miles east of the Sheridan store, was Weitzell's home until his death. Most of the time he farmed 120 acres.

Mr. Weitzell was a member of the Sheridan Methodist church, and Enright-Schrader Post No. 73, of the American Legion of Tama. He joined the local post in 1929, according to Roy L. Schaffer, Legion post historian. Mr. Weitzell served as vice commander of the post from August 1939 to August, 1940.

Mr. Weitzell is survived by his wife; a son Robert Weitzell, on the home farm; and two daughters, Mrs. Merl (Wilma) Schmidt of Sheridan, and Mrs. Donald (Dorothy) Bell of New Hampton, and eight grandchildren, namely, Richard, Mary, John and Robert Schmidt, and Deborah, Denise, David, and Darin Bell.

Also surviving are a brother, Walter Weitzell of LeGrand; and four sisters, Mrs. Albert (Mae) Hoskey of Montour, Mrs. Kernal (Nellie) Thompson of Dunbar, Mrs. Ralph (Naomi) Hoover of Sunrise Beach, Mo., and Mrs. Louis (Bessie) Brierly of Green Mountain, Ia., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Weitzell was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles, William, and Harry; two sisters, Alice and Mabel, and one granddaughter.