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Mr. Wessel

dies at 85

HARTWICK (Special)—Harlan Clifford Wessel, 85, a retired Hartwick area farmer, died Jan. 4 at the Marengo Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7 at the McAninch-Fremming Chapel in Victor, with the Rev. Dan Driscoll, pastor of the Hartwick Congregational Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Louise Korns, and flower attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Benda and Mr. and Mrs. Julian DeGeeter. Burial was at the Kent Cemetery north of Brooklyn, with Larry Brannian, Laverne Roth, Greg Williamson, Robert Gritsch, Neil Criswell and Marvin Beck serving as pallbearers.

The son of Isaac and Martha Renners Wessel, he was born Aug. 10, 1893, south of Chelsea in Tama County. In 1903, his family moved to the north section of Poweshiek County where he attended the Rector and Cole rural schools. Mr. Wessel was a farmer all his life.

On Oct. 14, 1915, he was married to Elsie Roudabush at the Hartwick parsonage. The first three years of their marriage was spent on the Gay farm northwest of Hartwick. They later established their home on the farm north of Hartwick, where Mr. Wessel made his home for 60 years. He moved to the Beverly Manor Nursing Home in Belle Plaine in 1978.

Mr. Wessel is survived by his wife, Elsie.