

LOOKING BACK

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Leo E. Kielly, State Center Business Man, Dies Sunday **February 7, 1952 *State Center Enterprise***

Leo E. Kielly, 49, prominent State Center business man and wellknown implement dealer in Midwestern states, died at 2:00 p.m. last Sunday, February 3, at St. Thomas Mercy hospital in Marshalltown. "Bud", as he was familiarly known by his many friends, suffered a heart attack at his home here about three weeks ago and he had been a patient at the hospital since that time. He had been reported as improving up to last Saturday when his condition took a turn for the worse.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in State Center at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 6, with the Rev. Father Ronald J. Axen as celebrant of the mass. Assisting in the requiem high mass were the Rev. Father G.V. Steiert of Iowa Falls, the Rev. Father J.B. Murphy of St. Anthony and the Rev. Father Louis McDonald of Marshalltown.

Interment followed the services at the church in St. Joseph's Cemetery in State Center. Pall bearers were Keith Miller, Joe Malloy, Harold Nolte, George Starcevich, Walter E. Eckhardt and Earl Riemenschneider. Flower bearers were Mrs. Catherine Miller, Mrs. Neva Houghton, Mrs. Virginia Homer and Mrs. Edith Mahlow.

The body was taken to the Wensel Funeral Home here until Tuesday when it was taken to the family home where the Rosary was recited at 8:00 p.m.

"Bud" was well known over a wide territory as an implement dealer and was an ardent sports fan. The hundreds of callers at the funeral home here, the large number of flowers sent in his honor and the throng that attended the funeral services attested to his wide acquaintance and friendship.

Leo E. Kielly was born January 2, 1903, on the family homestead south of State Center, the son of Hugh and Mary Bernard Kielly. He attended the State Center public school.

He was married to Miss Rosella Frohwein on June 23, 1936, and they have made State Center their home since that time. He has been the International Harvester implement dealer here for more than twenty-six years. He was associated in the business for many years with Charlie Wood, but has been its sole owner since 1935.

Mr. Kielly served on the city council of the town of State Center and had been prominent in church, civic and social circles during his business career here.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Volunteer Fire Department, State Center Lions Club, B.P.O.E., Knights of Columbus of Marshalltown.

He is survived by his widow, a six-year old son, Glenn, and his mother, Mrs. Hugh Kielly, all of State Center. He was preceded in death by his father in 1942.

(Note: Bud and Rosella were a couple of my favorite people. My mother, Edith Mahlow, was Bud's bookkeeper and "parts man" during the war and Rosella babysat me. Later, I babysat their son, Glenn. Bud nick-named me "Joe Pete" and it wasn't until five years or so ago that Glenn figured out who "Joe Pete" was. I remember the time that Bud had an implement show and I got to go up front and draw the winning name out of a hat. That was big stuff for a 4-year old! And, no, I don't remember whose name I drew out. Mike Riemenschneider's dad, Bill, worked at Kielly Implement for years.)