

LOOKING BACK

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Services held for I. Pfantz

July 18, 1968 State Center Enterprise

Funeral services for Ira L. Pfantz, 79, of State Center were held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Rev. L. R. Meinecke officiating.

Pallbearers were Artie Riese of Colo, Lawrence Pfantz Jr., Richard Allen, Ted Meier, Mike Varnum and Arnold Pfantz.

Mr. Pfantz died Sunday afternoon, July 14, in Evangelical Hospital, Marshalltown, where he had been a patient for about two weeks.

Burial was in Hillside Cemetery. Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Pfantz was born Jan. 11, 1889, in Marshall County, a son of George and Minnie Nolte Pfantz. He was reared north of State Center and was educated in St. John's Parochial School.

He married Clara Henze on Sept. 18, 1909. She died in Sept. 1915. On Sept. 29, 1917, he was married to Rose Wolken at State Center and they farmed near there until retiring to town in 1921.

Mr. Pfantz was employed by the State Center Farmers Creamery and retired in 195. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Erma Riese of Colo, Mrs. George (Elaine) Schaper of State Center and Mrs. Joseph (Violet) Meier of Madrid; five sons, George of Des Moines; Theo. and Ira R. of State Center, Capt. Robert H. of McGuire AFB, NJ and Eldon R. of Oklahoma; one sister, Mrs. Arthur Riese of State Center; a brother, Oscar of Leola, S.D.; 18 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons and two brothers.

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