

OBITUARIES

Clair Schoppe, 76

Clair Schoppe, 76, rural State Center, died suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003 at his home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center with Pastor Gary MacManus officiating. He was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery at State Center. The Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born on May 6, 1926, at State Center, he was the eldest of four children born to Alva Arnold and Emma Louise (Eckhardt) Schoppe. He received his education in the St. John Parochial School and later graduated from the State Center High School in 1943. Clair was baptized and confirmed member of the St. John Lutheran Church.

On Sept. 10, 1966 he was united in marriage to Rachel Kay Serfoss at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They made the State Center community their home all their married lives where he was self-employed as a Caterpillar operator. Clair had been recently attending the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center.

He is survived by his children: Bryan Jay (Terri) Schoppe of Jewell; Brenda Jean (Steve) Edmunds of Marshalltown; and Berwyn Schoppe of St. Anthony; three grandchildren, his sister Donna Schoppe and brothers Keith (Lola) Schoppe and Daryl (Marilyn) Schoppe) all of State Center.

In death he rejoins his parents and his wife, Rachel Kay, who passed away on June 15, 2000.