Services are today (Friday) at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church for James F. Hemphill, 62, of State Center, former superintendent at West Marshall. He died Tuesday at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines where he had been a patient for the past three weeks. The Reverend Richard Fitch will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born July 13, 1922, in Marshalltown, he was the son of Albert and Hazel Orchard Hemphill. He received his education in the Marshalltown schools, Marshalltown Junior College, received his bachelor's degree from Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls and his master's degree from Drake University in Des Moines. During World War II, he served three and a half years in the U.S. Navy.

On May 28, 1944, he was married to Margaret Hall and they made their home in Earlham for 13 years, where Mr. Hemphill was superintendent of schools. They then moved to State Center, where he was superintendent of schools for 19 years. In 1980 he resigned that position and joined the Iowa Department of Public Instruction as a consultant in the child nutrition division, retiring from that position last October.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Terrestrial Masonic Lodge of State Center.

Surviving are his widow Margaret, two sons and a daughter, Jeffrey Hemphill of Marshalltown, James A. Hemphill of Ames and Judith (Mrs. Brian) Maier of Mahopac, NY. Also surviving are four grandchildren; a brother, Albert Hemphill of Marshalltown, and several nieces and nephews.