

Death Certificate: John F. Schmale

Birth: Nov 6 1861 Death: Mar 4, 1947 (age 85)

Burial: Wheaton Mar. 7 1947 (Haverhoff Funeral Home – Wheaton)

Wife: Amelia – 70 years old

Parents: John H. Schmale birthplace unk. And Dorothy Stopplen birthplace unk.

Source Citation: Death Certificate on file.

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