Ben Siems, 83, of Dumont, passed away on Friday afternoon, Apr. 23, at the Dumont Nursing Home in Dumont where he had been a resident for the past month. Funeral services were held Monday, Apr. 26, at the United Methodist Church in Dumont with the Rev. Martin Ceynar officiating. Burial was in the Dumont Cemetery. Sietsema-Vogel Funeral Home was in charge. Ben Siems was born June 9, 1898 to Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Siems in Grundy County. He was married Jan. 12, 1938 to Pearl Bennett at Ackley. He retired in 1960 as a house mover and a machinist. He is survived by his wife, Pearl, three daughters, Mrs. Roland (Dorothy) Miller of Waterloo, Mrs. Barbara Morre of Ottumwa, and Mrs., Tom (Beverly) Wedeking of Plymouth, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren, two sisters; Mrs. Marie Hovenca of Dumont and Mrs. Sena Bents of Waterloo and two brothers Dick Siems of Aredale, and George Siems of Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and three sisters.

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