

Services For John Backes Held In Arnold Saturday

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 16 at 10:00 A. M. from the Methodist Church in Arnold for John W. Backes, 75, who died at his home on Wednesday, June 13.

Officiating at the services were Rev. E. N. Littrell and Cable Lodge No. 225 A.F. & A.M., and Rex Chapter No. 137 O.E.S.

Final resting place was at Arnold, Nebraska.

The music was furnished by Mrs. Albert Fuller and Mynor Smith, who sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond The Sunset" accompanied by Mrs. Mynor Smith at the organ.

Pallbearers were: Lowell Watkins, Charles Blowers, Paul Hartman, Cecil Steel, Frank Koubek and Jack Headley.

John William Backes was born on January 1, 1881 at Olwein, Iowa and passed away at his home in Arnold on June 13, 1956 at the age of 75 years, 5 months and 12 days.

At the age of six he came with his family to Custer County, Nebraska and settled on a homestead south of Arnold, spending his entire life since that time in this community.

On August 26, 1906 he was united in marriage to Mary H. McCants at Arnold.

He engaged in farming until in 1913 when he moved to Arnold and conducted an auto livery business. Later he entered into partnership with Joe Coufal in operating a garage.

John was a member of the Methodist church, the Masons and the Eastern Star Lodges and of the Modern Woodmen.

He is survived by his wife, Mary and two brothers: Tom of Long Beach, California and George of Arnold and one sister, Mrs. A. H. Norgard of Central City, Nebr., and many other relatives and a host of friends.