

April 13, 1977

James Hiepler

Funeral services for James L. Hiepler, 39, of Columbia, were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 1977, at St. John's Lutheran Church at Columbia with the Rev. John Brunner officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens near Aberdeen.

He died Monday, April 4, at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Casketbearers were Robert Zastrow, Dwain Buntrock, Jerome Hochhalter, Robert Sieber, Larry Hanson and Martin Weismantel, all of Columbia. Organist was Mrs. Arthur Yeske and the congregation sang. Ushers were Bert Rystrom of Columbia and Leroy Podoll of Westport.

James Hipeler was born August 9, 1937, at Winship. In 1939 the family moved to Frederick and in 1943 they moved to a farm northwest of Columbia. He attended Barnard Township School and graduated from Columbia High School in 1957. He farmed with his parents and brothers until 1975 when they moved into Columbia where he was residing at the time of his death. He was a representative for a Wisconsin shoe company at the time of his death.

He was a member of St. John's Men's Club and served as usher for several years. He was also a member of the Columbia Commercial club.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Margaret Hipeler, Columbia; two brothers, Raymond and Melvin, both of Columbia; one sister, Mrs. Erwin (Caroline) Fokken of Maynard, Minn.; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1964.