

DE BERG, Rev, John

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## Rev. John DeBerg, 88

Walnut — John M. DeBerg, son of Martin and Rena Jansen DeBerg, was born near Grundy Center on Nov. 12, 1892, and died Monday, Oct. 5, 1981 at his home in Walnut, at the age of 88 years.

He attended rural school near Grundy Center, graduated from high school at the Dubuque Academy, from the University of Dubuque in 1917 and from Dubuque Seminary in 1920. He married Matilda Zimmerman of Grundy Center June 9, 1920, and they had two children, Kathleen and Kenneth.

He served churches in Galena, Ill., and Ia. church at Donnelson, Little Rock, Adair, New London, Sidney, Avoca and Walnut. He served as moderator of the Synod of Ia. in 1951 and two times was moderator of the Presbytery. He retired in Walnut in 1958.

Mrs DeBerg had died Aug. 11, 1950, and on Dec. 27, 1951 he married Wilma Drake Skelley of Walnut.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, two brothers, Henry and Charles, and a sister, Ora.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma; his daughter, Kathleen Pullman of Panama City, Fla., his son Kenneth of Buena Park, Calif.; six grandchildren and five great

grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1981 at the First United Presbyterian church in Walnut with Rev. Harvey Beach officiating.

Honorary bearers were F.R. Burnham, Carl Langbehn, Dale McIntosh, Edw. Kennedy, Joe Beckendorf, Dwight Wuster, Oscar Petersen and Arno Schriefer with Herbert Mertz, E.S. Petersen, Joe Graves, Orris Drake, Bruce Loenwenstein and Herman DeBerg serving as casketbearers.

Burial was at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.