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Rev. Harold E. Schirm, 65

June 25, 1930 - Jan. 6, 1996

WINTERSSET- Rev. Harold E. Schirm, son of Edward and Edna Mae Trowbridge Schirm, was born June 25, 1930 in Madison County. He died as the result of an automobile accident Jan. 6, 1996 at age 65 years, six months and 11 days. He grew up in Madison County graduating from St. Charles School. He attended Simpson College in Indianola, graduating in 1952. He then attended Drake Divinity School graduating in 1958.

Oct. 5, 1952 he married Lena Mae Weakland at St. Charles Methodist Church. He served as a faithful pastor in a number of communities. At the time of his death he was serving as visitation pastor for the United Methodist Church in Winterset and Patterson. Other congregations served were Ira in 1953; Wesley Chapel, 1954; Union Park in Des Moines as associate, 1955-58; Irwin and Kirkman, 1958-61; Orient Nevinville-Otis Chapel, Penn Ave., 1961-66; Farmington-Big Mound-Bonaparte, 1966-69; First Salem at Paton, 1969-73; Winfield Spring Run, 1975-79; Beaman-Albian, 1979-90; Odebolt, 1990-95. He was ordained at Irwin Dec. 7, 1958.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lena, April 29, 1982; his parents and an infant son, Gregory Joe. He is survived by his children, Suzanne Marie Brown (Allen) of Clearfield; Kathryn Lorraine Schirm, Dunnellon, FL; Sharon Mae Perry (Michael) of Toledo; Edward Schirm, stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC; one brother, Phillip (Lois), St. Charles; one sister, Helen Rairigh (Del), Bennett, CO; four grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 1996 at First United Methodist Church at Winterset with Dr. Robert Burkhart, Rev. Tompsu Smith and Rev. Donald Frank officiating. Burial was in the St. Charles Cemetery.