

# Rev. Stafford, Retired Pastor, Dies Wednesday

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The Rev. Frank V. Stafford, 93, 201 E. Third St., Sheridan, a retired Friends minister, died at his home Wednesday night. He had been in poor health for the last two years.

Born on May 26, 1869, at Ridge Farm, Ill., he was the son of William and Mary Ann (Williams) Stafford.

In 1895, he was married to Annie Mendenhall, who preceded him in death in 1954.

Graduating from the Vermilion Academy at Vermilion Grove, Ill., in 1891, he taught school for a few years before entering the Friends ministry.

He had pastorates in Ridge Farm and Vermilion Grove, Ill.; Sheridan; New London; and the Second Friends Church in Indianapolis.

Retiring after 60 years in the ministry from the West Grove Church in Hamilton County, his church membership was in the West Grove Church, and he had been active 50 years in Friends Western Yearly Meeting.

Surviving are one son, Willard Stafford, Sheridan; four grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Emma Stone, Long Beach, Calif.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hinshaw Funeral Home in Sheridan. Burial will be in the New London Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p.m. tonight.