

An Obituary Of Richard A. Fritz

Richard A. Fritz was born in Aljarod Skane, Sweden, April 10, 1867 and passed away April 13, at the age of 66 years and 3 days. He was the second son of T. O. and Elna Fritz and came with them to America when about three years old, living first near Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, then for a time in Marion Co., and later in Wapello county. Five years of his early life were spent near Galesburg, Ill. In 1884 he came to Richland township, Jasper Co., Iowa where he has since resided. On Aug. 4, 1886 he was married to Sarah Martin of the Bethel neighborhood who with six children survive, Lessie and Clifford at Bethel, Mrs. Edna Briggs of Sully, Iowa, Wilburn of Des Moines, Mrs. Bessie Sparks of Lynnville and Lehl of Bethel. A son Ray, died in infancy. A brother Mr. Charley Fritz, lives at Sequim, Wash., and an uncle, Mr. Frank Quist, resides near Albert City, Iowa.

Mr. Fritz was converted in early manhood and united with the Bethel M. E. church where he has always been a faithful member and attendant as long as he was permitted. At times, during the last two years he suffered greatly but through it all he was very patient and cheerful. Even when his health failed he retained a keen interest in community activities and the worthwhile things of life. To him the church and its influence in the community meant more than all else.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Richard Collier assisted by Rev. Ross Mills and Rev. Mr. Jay on Sunday afternoon. Two beautiful numbers were sung by the Sugar Creek male quartet and a duet by Bernard and Sylvia Koolstra accompanied by Mrs. Koolstra. Interment was at the Bethel cemetery.