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Funeral Monday For Mrs. Lena Heitsman

Death came to Mrs. Lena Heitsman early last Friday morning at her home south of Brooklyn. Mrs. Heitsman, 90 years old, had been in failing health for the past few years, however she had never been bedfast or hospitalized and had retired to her bedroom at the usual time Thursday evening.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at ten o'clock at St. Patrick's church with the Rev. John T. Kennedy reading the requiem mass and *preaching the funeral sermon.*

Interment was in Calvary cemetery with the following serving as pallbearers: Bevan Kuntz, Leffert McIlrath, Philip Eichhorn, Camiel Dhooge, Frank Van Tomme and Daryl Gallagher. Flower attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Richeson and Mrs. Leffert McIlrath.

Karolina Heitsman was born August 23, 1875, at Baden, Germany, the daughter of Frederick Merz and Mary Mader Merz, and died March 4, 1966, near Brooklyn, Iowa.

She came to the United States in 1900 and was married to William Heitsman in Chicago, Ill. on May 4, 1904. The couple farmed near Taintor for six years before moving south of Brooklyn where the family home was established in 1910. Mr. Heitsman died May 12, 1951.

Mrs. Heitsman was an honorary member of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick's church and was an active participant in her church as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by three children: Mrs. G.B. (Marie) Mayhew of Keokuk, and Hildegarde Heitsman and William Heitsman, who live in the family home.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, both of whom died in Germany. One sister, Mrs. Emilie Metzger, a former Brooklyn resident, died in 1958.

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