

Charles E. Holmdahl Of Kellogg Passes

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(By a Staff Correspondent)

Kellogg, Ia., March 12, Special: Funeral services for Charles E. Holmdahl, 68, secretary-treasurer of the Midwest Stamping company since its organization, were held at the Christian church here Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. A. H. Schultz, pastor of the Lutheran church at State Center, and former pastor here, in charge. Music included two solos, "Abide with Me" and "Goin' Home," sung by Miss Marguerite Green of Newton, with accompaniment by Mrs. Vera Trevitts Scheel, also of Newton. Mrs. J. H. Nesmith and Mrs. M. J. Moberly were in charge of the flowers. The pallbearers included W. W. Zaugg, Simon Haunsperger, T. A. Nesmith, F. T. Hammer, Henry Wulf and O. G. Braley. Burial was made in Our Silent City.

Charles Holmdahl was born in Stridsholm, Sweden, January 13, 1867. He was confirmed in the faith of the Lutheran church in 1881 and received his engineer's diploma in 1886.

He came to America in 1887, locating at Des Moines, Iowa, where he was employed as a machinist and later became foreman of the McDonnell Machinery and Supply company. He remained with this company for 18 years, coming to Kellogg in 1906 to accept a position as foreman of the machine shop of the Gould Balance Valve company. He afterward acted as superintendent and receiver for this company. He was one of the founders of the Midwest Stamping company, which was organized at Kellogg in 1927, holding the position of secretary-treasurer until his death.

He had not been active in the business since submitting to an operation for a malignant trouble in February, 1934, but had been much improved in health until he was suddenly taken ill about ten days before his death. He had been a member of the Des Moines M. W. A. since 1899.

He was united in marriage to Helena Sofia Anderson at Des Moines January 14, 1890, and to this union six children were born, all of whom are living.

Mr. Holmdahl was active in civic affairs, having served 15 years as a member of the local board of education, and 6 years on the city council, and was an inveterate reader.

Surviving relatives include his widow, a son, A. C. Holmdahl, president of the Midwest company; four daughters, Mrs. Helen Faircloth, clerk to the district attorney of Des Moines, Mrs. J. M. Gilreath, Mrs. Leo Braley, Mrs. Mabel Veber, and Mrs. Glenn Breckenridge, all of this place; besides eight grandchildren, and one sister in Sweden.