

OBITUARY

Edward T. Lidtka

Edward T. Lidtka, first son of German parents, August Lidtka and Wilhelmina Rux Lidtka, was born in Elmira, N.Y., and passed away Dec. 16 at a local hospital after a lingering illness, at the age of 79 years, 2 months, 13 days. H.R. 12-28-53

At the age of 4, together with his parents and two sisters, he came to Malcom, Iowa, where they lived in town and on nearby farms.

Here he received his education and spent his boyhood and early manhood. He was baptized in the Lutheran faith at the Trinity Lutheran church.

He followed the carpenter trade until he was married, after which farming was his vocation until his retirement.

On Feb. 27, 1901, he was united in marriage to Mary Wehrli of Granville, at the home of her parents.

To this union were born three sons and one daughter—Virgil of Malcom, Tracy of Grinnell, Afton of Hoquiam, Wash., and Mrs. Eldon (Aline) Peterson of Grinnell.

The nearly 53 years of married life were spent on three farms, one at Malcom, one at Grinnell, and the other in Chester township and on the acreage in Chester where he and Mrs. Lidtka retired 15 years ago.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge 54 years, having received his 50 year jewel, of which he was very proud.

During his active years he was always interested and took part in various community enterprises.

However, his family was his chief interest and many times it made him happy to use his carpentry skill to help his children. In later years he was noted for his garden and beautiful flowers.

Besides his widow and four children he leaves 11 grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Frederica Gregson of Moline, Ill., and several nieces and nephews.

His parents, two sisters and four brothers preceded him in death.