

A WORTHY YOUNG MAN HAS GONE HOME

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Louis Martin Lidtka, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lidtka, was born in Sheridan township, Sept. 19, 1891, and passed away Nov. 25, 1925, at the age of 34 years, 2 months and 6 days. The deceased grew up in Sheridan township, attended the public school, was baptized in infancy and at the age of fourteen years was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on May 19, 1907.

He was stricken with a disease from which he never fully recovered and the last three years of his life he spent as an invalid. Until that time he attended Sunday School and Christian Endeavor and was faithful to the church, going there whenever his illness did not make it utterly impossible. During those years he proved to be a Christian hero in patience and courage. He bore pain and suffering as few can do. Doubtless the source of his strength was the faith in his Lord which lived within his heart, the faith to which he clung through all the dark hours of trial, hours during which a kind, faithful and tireless mother's care made easier that which was so hard to bear.

A few days before his death he received Holy Communion, which strengthened him for the last great struggle which ended when he passed quietly to his reward Wednesday morning, November 25, at 8 o'clock.

He leaves to mourn his loss his aged parents, two sisters, Mrs. Lena Mithelman and Mrs. Mary Deedrick; two brothers, Fred and Joe; three nieces, Mrs. Elsie Young, Iona Deedrick, and Nola Lidtka; five nephews, Truman Deedrick, Earl and Eldon Lidtka, Leroy and Claire Mithelman.

Funeral services were held last Friday at 1 o'clock at the home in Malcom, conducted by Rev. Elmer Aukerman, and also at the Lutheran church at 2 o'clock by Rev. Arthur Schultz, of Dubuque, who spoke words of comfort and inspiration. Mrs. Hugh McClure and Mrs. Will Schneckloth sang very beautifully his favorite songs, "Abide With Me," "Tell Mother I'll Be There" and "Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere." Pall bearers were cousins, Elmer Pius, Elmer Schultz, Theo Schultz and John Lidtka and two very dear friends, Lafe Harmon and James Bryant. A large concourse of relatives, neighbors and friends assembled to express sympathy with the bereaved family and to render the last service to one whom they had loved and respected.