

Mrs. Theodore Mithelman Passes

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Wilhelmina Topp, daughter of Joe Topp, was born in the Province of Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 10th of August, 1857, and passed away at her home in Malcom on October 5th, 1932, at the age of 75 years, 1 month and 25 days. It is supposed that she spent her early years in Germany and then came to this country with her parents who settled at Mokena, Illinois. There it was that she made the acquaintance of Theodore Mithelman, to whom she was united in marriage December 4, 1874. After the marriage the couple moved to Kellogg, Iowa. Later on, about the year 1895, they moved to a farm in Sheridan Township. It was here that they became affiliated with Trinity Lutheran Church. Mrs. Mithelman had been baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, and to this faith she remained true to the end of her life. She loved her Savior and His Church and was willing always to serve them.

Mr. and Mrs. Topp had removed to Kellogg at the same time that the Mithelmans had. After the death of Mrs. Topp in 1891, Mr. Topp was received into the Mithelmann home until his death on March 21, 1896.

Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Mithelman retired from the farm and built a home in Malcom. They had but a short stay together there, for Mr. Mithelman was called home November 5th, 1929. After that Mrs. Mithelman's life was one of loneliness. To make life more pleasant for her, the children often had her come and stay at their homes. Thus Mrs. Mithelman spent two winters with her daughter Rosa in Stillwater, Minnesota.

For many years Mrs. Mithelman had been suffering, and the death of her husband seemed beginning for additional ailments. The last three years, and especially the last months brought many occasions in which she had opportunity to test the promises of her Savior, until, finally she was called to her eternal reward in Heaven.

There remain to mourn her passing six children, William, Herman Fred, and Elmer Mithelman, of this vicinity, and Rosa (Mrs. Jacob Schultz) of Stillwater, Minnesota, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, besides her husband, four children, Louis, Elizabeth, and twins that died at birth, who precede her in death.