

# Death Calls Useful Man

Funeral Services for Theodore Mithelman Are Held Thursday Afternoon.

11-12-1929  
ONE OF RESPECTED FARMERS  
OF COMMUNITY FOR MANY YRS.

Came to Iowa About 1880 and Spent  
Most of His Active Life on a  
Farm in Sheridan Township.

Theodore Johann Christian Mithelman was born November 24, 1851, at Neubuckow in the province of Mecklenburg, Germany. A few days later he was baptized in the Evangelical Lutheran church of his native city. Here he also received instructions in the Lutheran doctrine, after which he was confirmed March 25, 1866. He was the son of John Henry and Sophia (Strickoff) Mithelman.

He came to America in the year 1872, landing in New York. From there he went to Indiana and then to Mokena, Ill., where he lived for 5 years. At this place he was united in holy matrimony with Miss Wilhelmina Topp, December 4, 1874.

From Mokena Mr. and Mrs. Mithelman moved to Iowa about the year 1880, first locating at Kellogg. After making this their home for several years they moved to a farm in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county. This was their home until 16 years ago, when they moved to Malcom. Since then the latter place has been their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mithelman's union was blessed with ten children, four of whom preceded him in death; namely Louis, who died at the age of 8 years, Elizabeth and two twins who died in infancy. He leaves to mourn his death his wife and remaining children, William, Herman and Fred of Malcom, Mrs. J. C. Schultz of Stillwater, Minn., Elmer of Malcom and George of Marine, Minn.; also eight grandchildren, Mrs. Frank Schwartz and Mrs. Howard Beaham both of Stillwater, Minn., Raymond, Leroy, Claire, Harold, Ruth and Keith Mithelman, all of Malcom; one great grandchild, Betty Jean Schwartz of Stillwater, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Lemke and one brother, Henry Mithelman, both of Grinnell. Mr. Mithelman never was very strong throughout his life; nevertheless God provided him with abundant health to provide well for his family.

About two weeks ago he became the victim of a complication of diseases. His illness steadily grew worse. On Monday morning he still partook of the Lord's supper with members of the family. It pleased God to call his servant home on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1929, at 12:20 p. m., at the ripe old age of 77 years, 11 months and 12 days. Mr. Mithelman has been a faithful member of the Evangelical Lutheran church at his respective places of residence. He was a kind, loving father. He had his children brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He demanded of them that they also prove faithful members of the Lutheran church. We have reasons to hope the departed husband and father is safe in the arms of his Savior.

Funeral services were held at the Lutheran church Thursday afternoon, Nov. 7, in charge of Rev. H. C. Schiffler of Tama. The hymns "Abide with me", and "Till we meet again" were sung by Mrs. Henry Wichman, Mrs. Hugh McClure, Neil Reedy and George Torrey. The pallbearers were his five sons, William, Herman, Fred, Elmer and George and his son-in-law, J. C. Schultz. Burial was made in the Lutheran cemetery.