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OBITUARY

Mrs. Emma Rix

Mrs. Emma Alvina Rix, widow of Hans Henry Rix, passed away at her country home southeast of Grinnell March 5, 1953 at 1 a.m. after a lingering illness of several months during which she was bedfast for eleven weeks. All that loving hands of her family and neighbors could do was done but she gradually became weaker until her death. All of her immediate family were at her bedside.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. Donald Loots of Grinnell and Rev. G. C. Wiegand of Malcom were conducted Sunday, March 8, with prayer service at 1 o'clock at Smith Funeral Home and Memorial service at 2 o'clock at Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcom of which she had been a member the first years, later transferring to St. John's of Grinnell. Burial was in Trinity American Lutheran Cemetery. Suitable music was provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner, organist and Marilyn Coop, soloist. "In The Garden" and "What A Friend We have in Jesus" were the hymns sung. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelm, Mrs. Floyd Peters and Miss Ida Burnson were in charge of flowers.

Pall bearers were Raymond Bangham, Leo Kelm, LaVerne Kelm, nephews, Harold Thompson, Herchel Griffith and Merle Lamb, grandsons-in-law.

Emma Alvina Rix, eldest daughter of Frank Kelm and his wife Julia Poleske, was born in Germany on Sept. 24, 1867. She came to America with her parents in July of 1871. She was baptized in early infancy and confirmed in the Lutheran faith on April 2, 1882 at Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcom.

She was united in marriage with Hans Henry Rix on March 20, 1888, in a ceremony held at her parents' home in Malcom township. They established their home in Grant township. This farm a few miles southeast of Grinnell was her home for 65 years. Three children, Frank, Julia (Mrs. Clifford Parker) and Anna (Mrs. Richard Wichman) all of Grinnell, were born to this union. Mrs. Rix and her husband were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on March 20, 1938. Mr. Rix passed away the same year in June. Since then she has made her home with her son

Frank and family for two years and her daughter, Anna and husband for 12 years.

She had reached the age of 85 years, 5 months and 11 days. Her illness, which brought her much suffering, was borne patiently and with confidence with her faith. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church but because of her frailty was unable to attend of late years.

Survivors besides her children include a brother, Gus Kelm and a sister, Mrs. Fred Bangham of Grinnell, four grandchildren, Earl Rix of Harmon, Md., Mrs. Harold Thompson of Montezuma, Mrs. Herchel Griffith of Malcom and Mrs. Merle Lamb of Grinnell, 8 great grandchildren, together with a host of other relatives and friends. Her husband's parents, brother Otto of Malcom and sister Mrs. Herman Ewoldt of Grinnell and an infant grandson Rex Eugene Parker preceded her in death.

Mrs. Rix always enjoyed working on her home and has seen many a busy day.

Relatives attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peters of Fort Dodge, Alfred Rix, Mrs. Ellen Johanson and Arlene of Hartford, S. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ehlers, Florence Poleske and Anna Beaman of Manila, Iowa.

Hans Henry