

LONG AND USEFUL 6-11 LIFE IS ENDED

Aug 19 1924
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An old time resident of south Tama came to the end of life's journey at noon on August 1 when Richard Spire breathed his last at his home in this city. The end came just at 12:00 o'clock and his passing was peaceful, he having been unconscious throughout that forenoon. Death was the result of heart disease from which he had suffered for several months, and for a month before his death it was seen that his recovery was impossible.

There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors at the funeral services which were held from the home at 2:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Harry Throckmorton, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the services, and music was furnished by Mrs. Harry Platt and Mrs. Carl B. Harrison and Mrs. Earl Spooner as instrumental accompanist. The services were held under Masonic auspices and the pall bearers were the following members of that order: H. L. McRoberts, Chalmers Winters, George Walz, Lawrence Carpenter, J. W. Kubic and J. A. Roach. The honorary pall bearers, selected from the ranks of his life-long friends, were James and Henry Dee, Charles Wolcott, Lincoln Anthony, Ira Wilcox and M. F. Roth. Interment was in the Haven cemetery.

Many beautiful flowers spoke of the sympathy of a large circle of friends, and the attendance of old neighbors and friends from Columbia township and from the townships of Poweshiek county lying along the Tama county border showed the wide acquaintance of the deceased and the sorrow of

Mr. Spire was born July 7, 1853, in Ohio, and died August 1, 1924, at the age of seventy-one years and twenty-four days. In his early youth he was brought to Iowa when his parents came west, the family settling on a farm in Columbia township where the subject of this sketch grew to manhood and where his education was received in the district school.

Mr. Spire was married to Isadora Hatfield on November 20, 1872, and for a short time made their home on a farm in Columbia township, then moving to Sheridan township where they lived until 1910. In February of that year they came to Tama to make their home, Mr. Spire's residence continuing here until his death.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spire, all of whom survive and whose names are as follows. Mrs. C. A. Maheson and Mrs. H. H. Dee, Tama; William G. Spire, Mrs. F. R. Graham, James C. Spire and Ansel Spire, Sheridan township; Mrs. R. J. Engle, Wood Lake, Minnesota; and Mrs. W. E. Staley, Webster City. He is also survived by a number of grandchildren.

Mrs. Spire died at her home in Tama on June 14, 1919, and Mr. Spire was married on June 26, 1920, to Mrs. Frances Dee, who survives him.

Mr. Spire was a member of the Masonic fraternity and revered the teachings of the order. His life pursuit was farming and the crops on his land spoke of not only fertile soil but careful tillage. As a farmer he prospered and made a good home for his large family and added to his possessions. In his later days he gave considerable attention to harvesting and it is probable that no man in south Tama or north Poweshiek ever threshed more grain for his neighbors, than did Mr. Spire.

While on the farm he frequently bought live stock which he shipped to market and after making his home in Tama engaged in that business for a number of years, sometimes successfully and occasionally having the ill fortune which attends all who engage in that occupation.