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Frederick Sprung.

Frederick Sprung was born July 15, 1831, in Germany, near Potsdam. Here he grew to young manhood. At the age of 27 years Mr. Sprung came to the United States, settling in Oak Lawn, Ill., where five years later, on May 31, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Marie Schwemm. This union was blessed with seven children, six of whom preceded their father into eternity. In 1888, together with his family, he retired to Chicago. Here the family lived til 1908, when the aged parents moved to Grinnell with their son Ferdinand. All his life Mr. Sprung was an active member of the Lutheran church, and immediately upon his arrival in our midst identified himself with the small body of Lutherans in Grinnell. He was a humble and devout Christian. Since last February Mr. Sprung has been ill with what later proved to be a cancer of the stomach. Gradually his condition grew worse, causing him much distress and pain. For the last five weeks of his life he was confined to his bed. For six days before his death he lay unconscious. At last God called him home. Friday, November 12, at 3:45 o'clock Mr. Sprung quietly passed away, at the age of 84 years, 3 months, and 28 days.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, his son Ferdinand, and two sisters, Mrs. Wilhelmina Knoll and Mrs. Johanna Schemel, besides many friends in his old home in Illinois, as well as in our midst. The body was taken to Oak Lawn, Ill., and was there laid to rest in the Hazel Crest cemetery.