

A. Erickson Passes Away On July 26

Aged Resident Has Lived in Brooklyn Since 1901; Funeral Held Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Grace M. E. church for Andrew Erickson. They were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. H. Freedline, assisted by Rev. E. W. F. Holler.

Burial was in the I. O. O. F cemetery. The Odd Fellow lodge were in charge of the services.

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Andrew Erickson was born in Frayland, near Stanverger, Norway, January 14, 1851, and passed away at his home in Brooklyn, Iowa, July 24, 1936, aged 85 years, 6 months, 10 days. He was one of 12 children of Eric and Anna Erickson. Leaving his occupation at a baker, he immigrated to America and settled near Grinnell in 1870 to take up the business of farming.

On September 9, 1879 he was married to Catherine Shultz and settled on a farm in Madison township in this county and remained there until 1893. After residing on various farms near Brooklyn, they erected a home in Brooklyn in 1901 where they have lived since retiring from farm life. To Mr. and Mrs. Erickson were born five children, Mary Calderwood, Evelina Ecklund, Anna Ormiston, all of Brooklyn, Nellie and Mabel, who passed away in infancy.

He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith while a young man in Norway and united with the Methodist Episcopal church March 18, 1902 in which faith he lived a consistent Christian life. He not only supported the church in a loyal way and manner, but served very faithfully as a member of the official board. He loved the Bible, and the church as he loved his own home. Too many fine things cannot be said or written concerning this fine Christian gentleman. He lived up to his profession every day of his life. He has left an undying influence to follow him.

April 15, 1902, he joined the I. O. O. F. lodge in Brooklyn and in June of that same year he joined the Encampment of that same order. He practiced Friendship, Love and Truth for many years.

Besides his sorrowing wife and children, he leaves a sister, Mrs. William Dee, of Sheridan, Iowa, eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, with many nieces, nephews and a host of loyal friends and neighbors who mourn the passing of this splendid character.

The following letter was received at the Chronicle office and as it is a sincere tribute to a fine gentleman, we are glad to print it.

Gentlemen:

I am sending you my version and opinion of Mr. Andrew Erickson and if you wish, you may print this with the article of his passing. For 62 years I have known him, while Andrew was a young man and I a boy of 15 years. After they married, they lived across the road from my father's farm in Madison township and our whole family loved and held him in highest esteem as a friend and neighbor, and no one of my acquaintances could place above him in truth, honesty and as a trustworthy friend and neighbor. In all these years I cannot recall a single complaint in his upright life.

Respectfully,

Robert Green,
Tama, Iowa