

Death Summons Mrs. Otto Broders

Catherine Elizabeth Schafer, daughter of Nicholas and Anna Schafer, was born on a farm in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, on Jan. 26, 1873; and passed away at the Community hospital, Grinnell, on Sept. 30, 1932 at the age of 59 years, 8 months and 4 days.

Her childhood was spent in the home where the family resided at the time of her death, it formerly being the pioneer home of her parents and where she lived all but four years of her life. She attended the district school in Sheridan township. She was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at the age of 14. In recent years she transferred her faith to the Methodist church of Sheridan.

She was united in marriage to Otto C. Broders on Feb. 26, 1891. To this union six children were born, two sons having preceded her in death: Ralph, who died in infancy, and Lester, who died in March, 1931.

She was a member of the Sheridan Ladies Aid where she was a willing and loyal worker. She was a member of the Farm Bureau and was interested in all enterprises that were for the betterment of the community. She was a charter member of the Royal Neighbor

Lodge of Sheridan and later transferred her membership to the chapter at Grinnell.

She was a good wife, a kind and loving mother. She led a beautiful Christian life, always unselfish with her husband and children and all those with whom she came in contact. Her greatest happiness was found in serving others. She was always ready to lend a willing hand in time of trouble and her presence was a comfort. She had high ideals and lived a life which is a worthy example to those who knew her.

About three weeks ago she became seriously ill and was taken to the hospital where it was found necessary to perform an operation from which she never recovered. She was a patient sufferer and never complained. Although she had not made any plans with her family in case she did not return home, she said to the minister in the presence of members of her family that she had taken the Twenty-third Psalm as her comfort and had placed herself in God's hands. She bore her illness bravely as she did every other trial that had come to her in life.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, one son, Elmer; three daughters, Mrs. Elmer Baustian, Mrs. Lyle Herman and Eva, all of Sheridan; nine grandchildren, her aged mother, one sister, two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Sheridan Methodist church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Burial was in the Sheridan cemetery. Pall bearers were old neighbors of the deceased, Messrs. Otto Schultz, Ed Bolen, Will Dee, Tom Mulligan, George Baustian and Homer Herman.