

OBITUARY

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Herman Brooks

Herman Brooks was born on February 1, 1864, to Daniel and Sophie Brooks. He was born at Darmstadt, Germany. His early education was also received in Germany.

In 1878, at the age of 14 years, he came to this country and settled in Des Moines, Iowa. He worked in one of the early boiler factories there.

Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Katherine Kinzel on August 29, 1886 at Des Moines, Iowa. Seven children were born of this union. Three sons, Michael, Ernest and Albert; and four daughters, Anna, Bertha, Clara, and Esther. His wife preceded him in death in 1944.

He left his work in Des Moines because of an asthmatic condition and in 1892 moved northeast of Kellogg and took up farming. He retired approximately 35 years ago. For a time he lived in Kellogg and then with his children.

He was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith and was the oldest member of the Kellogg Lutheran church. He was always in faithful attendance at his church wherever he lived.

He was stricken April 13th, Wednesday morning at the home of his son, Albert. He was removed to the Community hospital in Grinnell, Iowa where he died Friday morning at 1:15 a.m. never having regained consciousness. His passing came at the age of 91 years, 2 months and 14 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers, one sister and one grandchild.

He was survived by one brother, Fred Brooks, of Los Angeles, Calif., three sons, Michael of Grinnell, Ernest and Albert of Kellogg, four daughters, Mrs. Anna Kahle of Kearney, Neb., Mrs. Louis (Bertha) Kling of Newton, Mrs. John (Clara) Balmer, of Kellogg and Mrs. Edward (Esther) Ehler of Kellogg, 22 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren, along with his many relatives and friends who will mourn his passing.

Services were held on Sunday afternoon, April 17, 1955 at 2:30

p.m. in St. Paul's church in Kellogg with Johnson-Murdock Funeral Home in charge. Rev. Carlton Rohr officiated.

Interment was at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Kellogg. Pall bearers were Harry Buchmeier, Hugo Reichelt, W. E. Deppe, Earl Stepp, A. J. Andersen, C. E. Powers. Flower bearers were Mrs. Ellen Redding and Mrs. Theresa Edwards; organist, Mrs. Russell Parsons; and soloist, Mrs. Harold Mason.