

Useful Life Reaches Close

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Joseph David Carpenter Was Honored
And Respected In This
Community.

ONE OF THIS COUNTY'S PROGRESSIVE FARMERS

Had Made His Home In Poweshiek
Since Moving Here
In 1877.

Joseph David Carpenter, son of Joseph Ira Carpenter and Augusta Gardner Carpenter was born at Pownal, Vermont, May 11, 1853.

His mother having died when he was a few days old, he spent his earliest years in the home of an uncle, but came with his father to Cherry Valley, Illinois, about 1858. In 1863 the business of his father led him to move his family to Princeton, Illinois. At that place Mr. Carpenter grew to manhood and was educated, receiving a high school education. Later he completed a business course at Bryant and Stratton's Business College in Chicago.

June 10, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva E. Judd of Princeton. To this union nine children were born: Sarah A.; David Eli; Flora, Mrs. Wm. Stimson; Reynolds R.; Joseph L.; Forrest D.; Vera, Mrs. S. H. Lowman; Lodi, Mrs. I. J. Baltisberger; and Hazel, Mrs. J. P. Darr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter spent two years on his father's farm near New Bedford, Illinois, then in December, 1877, moved to their present home, where they have lived continuously except for two years spent with Mrs. E. P. Judd on his farm just south of Malcom.

Mr. Carpenter has been one of the progressive farmers of Poweshiek county, always interested in everything that would lead to the betterment of the community. He met life with an indomitable courage, and a strong faith, rising above its pettiness, to its higher, nobler aspects. He was generous in thought and deed, ever ready to help those in distress, and very slow to believe evil of any one.

Having his family and friends around him and in his home has been one of the greatest pleasures of his declining years.

His grandchildren loved to come to "grandpa's house" to visit and go riding with him.

He had been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, and was at his death, a member of the Masonic order, which he held in high regard.

Sunday afternoon, February twenty-fourth, 1929, while visiting with two of his sons-in-law he became restless, walked around a few minutes, observed that he was not feeling just right, seated himself and fell forward. Dr. Delano Wilcox was called, but death had been instantaneous.

He leaves to mourn his loss besides his immediate family, twenty-four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two brothers, R. P. Carpenter of Paris, Missouri, and C. H. Carpenter of Necedah, Wisconsin, besides cousins, nephews and nieces, and a host of friends.

The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church at Malcom, Wednesday, February 27, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Swart and the Masonic lodge having charge of the service. Mrs. Josephine Schneckloth sang "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul," "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," and "Oh, Think of the Home Over There."

Interment was in Ivy Hill cemetery at Malcom.