

Monday, December 7, 1964

Mrs. Mary Lidtka, Longtime Area Resident, Dies

Mrs. Mary Wehrli Lidtka, age 89, widow of Edward T. Lidtka, passed away Saturday, December 5, 1964, at University hospital, Iowa City following a month's hospitalization.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. James Robinson, pastor of the Malcom and Sheridan Methodist churches, officiating. Music will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Palmer, vocalists, and Mrs. Donald J. Renaud, organist.

Casket bearers will be Lee Emmert, Farrell Siehl, William Stayton, Beckham Sutton, Harold Tice and Russell Sears. Assisting with the flowers will be Mrs. Mary McDowell and Mrs. Clara Campbell. Burial will be in Chester Township Cemetery.

She was born October 28, 1875, at Granville, Iowa, the daughter of Swiss parents, John and Eliza Wehrli. She was baptized in the Lutheran faith at the Trinity Lutheran church, Malcom at the age of 2, being brought by spring wagon from her Granville home. She attended the Granville schools and later attended college at Valparaiso, Indiana; then taught school for several years in Mahaska county, the Granville public schools, and the schools around Pella.

On February 27, 1907, she was united in marriage with Edward T. Lidtka at the home of her parents at Granville. To this union were born three sons and one daughter, Virgil of Malcom; Tracy of Grinnell; Afton of Aberdeen, Washington, and Mrs. Eldon (Aline) Petersen of Grinnell.

She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward on December 16, 1953; her parents and one grandchild.

Her many years of married life were spent on three farms: one at Malcom, one at Grinnell and the other in Chester Township and on the acreage in Chester Township where she had lived the last 26 years.

Mrs. Lidtka had attended the Chester Congregational church and was a member of the Chester Women's Fellowship and a member of the Friendship Folks Club. She was a person of many hobbies, which kept her alert and busy.

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