

Thursday, May 10, 1962

Wesley Palmer, Longtime Malcom Resident, Dies

Wesley A. Palmer, 94, former resident of the Malcom community, died early Tuesday morning at an Oskaloosa hospital following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) from the James-Schalinske Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Woogie of Malcom officiating. Vocal music was provided by Alene Sanderman, accompanied by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner at the organ.

In charge of flowers were Mrs. Gail Wheeler and Mrs. Gladys Wisecarver. Pallbearers were Donald Hull, Gail Wheeler, Ernest Lincoln, Henry Rohlfing, Harvey Jensen, and William R. Morrison.

Interment was in Ivy Hill cemetery at Malcom.

He was born March 16, 1869, at the farm home southwest of Malcom, the youngest of the family of nine children of Alexander and Sarah Milliman Palmer. On July 17, 1894, he was united in marriage with Luna Belle Wheeler and she preceded him in death on April 10, 1945.

His entire active life was spent in farming, he having lived on the farm where he was born for nearly 83 years.

Mr. Palmer was a member of the Methodist church at Malcom for more than 70 years, having become a member during the ministry of the Rev. Edwin H. Hughes, who later was a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. For more than 25 years he was a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school at Grant No. 7 schoolhouse in Grant township.

Due to failing health in 1951, he was compelled to leave the farm where he was born. For seven years he resided at the Monroe Hotel in Grinnell and had spent the past four years at the Tower Park home in Oskaloosa.

He is survived by one son, Arlo W. Palmer of New Sharon; one grandson, Bruce A. Palmer of Oskaloosa; two great grandsons, Thomas A. and Eric J. Palmer of Oskaloosa.

Also surviving are the following nieces and nephews: Alice Palmer of Salem, Ore.; Otto Lewis of Perry; Mrs. Alex King of Terre Haute, Ind.; Claire Duffus of Harcourt; Gail Wheeler of Malcom; Mrs. Harvey Jensen, Mrs. Henry Rohlfing, Mrs. Harold Hull, and Mrs. Raymond Bangham, all of Grinnell; also other nieces and nephews.

Rites May 10 For Wesley Palmer, 94

Wesley A. Palmer, 94, former resident of the Malcom community, died May 8 at an Oskaloosa hospital following a long illness. Funeral services were May 10 at the James-Schalinske funeral home in Grinnell in charge of the Rev. Donald Woogie of Malcom. Organist was Mrs. Kathleen Heffner who also accompanied Alene Sanderman, soloist.

Interment was in Ivy Hill cemetery with Donald Hull, Gail Wheeler, Ernest Lincoln, Henry Rohlfing, Harvey Jensen and William Morrison serving as pallbearers. Mrs. Gail Wheeler and Mrs. Gladys Wisecarver were in charge of flowers.

The youngest son of the family of nine children of Alexander and Sarah Milliman Palmer, he was born March 16, 1869 at a farm near Malcom. On July 17, 1894, he was married to Luna Belle Wheeler who preceded him in death April 10, 1945. His entire active life was spent in farming, having lived on the farm where he was born for nearly 83 years.

Mr. Palmer was a member of the Malcom Methodist church for more than 70 years. For over 25 years he was a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school at Grant No. 7 schoolhouse.

Due to failing health, he was forced to leave the farm in 1951. For seven years he lived in the Monroe hotel in Grinnell and for the past four years had lived in the Tower Park home in Oskaloosa.

He is survived by one son, Arlo Palmer of New Sharon; one grandson, Bruce Palmer of Oskaloosa and two great-grandsons, Thomas and Eric Palmer of Oskaloosa.

Thursday, May 17, 1962