

RICHARD A. ZEMKE

Richard A. Zemke, son of Herman and Frederic Zemke, was born July 12, 1871, in Klein Kartzenburg, Germany, and departed from this life on Monday evening, June 6, at his farm home following a period of several months of declining health. He grew to young manhood in that small German village where he was baptized in infancy and later confirmed in the Lutheran Church.

In 1891 he came with members of his family to Vermontville, Michigan, where the remaining years of his life were nobly lived.

On May 11, 1904, he was united in marriage to Edith Elizabeth Smith of Nashville, Michigan, who preceded him in death in April, 1933. He is survived by his devoted children, Reinhart, Irene, Margareta, and Martha; his loving granddaughters, Edith Mae, Margaret Ann, Mary Louise, and Jeanne Elizabeth Zemke; a daughter-in-law; a brother, Erwein of Caro, Michigan; a sister, Mrs. Freida Cooper of Mayesville, South Carolina; several nephews, nieces and cousins, as well as a host of friends who will mourn his passing.

His life exemplified the opportunities offered in this land of the free. Coming to this, his adopted land, when he was unable to speak a word of English and in possession of so little in material wealth, he practically self-educated himself and through honest toil and fair dealing rose to a position of esteem in his community. He was endowed with those sterling qualities of honesty, loyalty, and integrity which enabled him to face his daily tasks with courage and a smile.

He so lived his life that his children are richly blessed with the memories of a loving father whose conscience tested every act to make his deeds the measure of a man. His was a satisfaction that came from living a simple life. He loved the out-of-doors, and being able to earn his daily bread by tilling the fertile fields gave him joy and contentment.

Prayer service was held last Thursday afternoon at his home followed by services in the Congregational Church of which he was a trustee at the time of his passing. The Reverend H. B. Johnson of Oxford officiated with the Reverend D. D. Nagle of the local church assisting. Burial was made in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Relatives and friends who attended the funeral services of Richard Zemke were: Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Zemke, Mrs. Otto Zemke, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Zemke, Mr. Arthur Zemke and Mrs. Gus Zapfe of Caro, Mr. Fred Zemke and daughters of Buffalo, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Gingell of Metamora, Mr. Fred Zemke of Houghton Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Purchis, Mrs. Frederick Walsh, Wm. and Delores Zemkes of Lansing, Mr. Edd Smith of Columbus, O., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zemke of Sebawaing, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snider and daughter, Mrs. Don Shepard and Mrs. Lon Hill of Charlotte, Mrs. Leonard Shull of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brumm, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wash, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pennock and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pennock, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pennock, Mr. Wayne Pennock, Mrs. Wm. Tarbit, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nesman, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith, Mr. Roy Brumm, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Preston, and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Andrews of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brumm of Schoolcraft, Miss Helen Hieber, Miss Lydia Phillips, and Mr. Wm. C. Horton of Albion, Mrs. Mabel Jones and Ora, Mr. and Mrs. Gatiss Putman, Mr. David Jones of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Welch, Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Welch of Sunfield and Mrs. Ward Williams of Bellevue.

MRS. BELLE HAWKINS

This is a copy of the original obituary prepared by Mrs. Belle Hawkins some time ago. She also left complete instructions as to her funeral, dress to be put on her, undertaker, preachers Rev. McLachlan and Rev. Hoffman, the scripture reading, text, hymns to be sung etc.

Belle Claus, youngest child of David and Elizabeth Claus, was born in Walton township, Eaton Co., Mich., March 11, 1866, and was converted in the U. B. church in South Walton in young womanhood. She was united in marriage to Charles Steves of Sunfield Dec. 25, 1900. Eighteen years of their wedded life Mr. Steves was an invalid and the last six years was perfectly helpless.

During those years she gave of herself in willing and loving service until his home going in 1931. In the year 1913 she received the light Sanctification and entered into the experience in her own home.

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