

Harold M. Bolender
June 13, 1891 - Oct. 26, 1916
DIES IN CHICAGO HOSPITAL

Remains of Harold Bolender Brought Here Saturday Evening for Burial

Harold M. Bolender, of Chicago, mention of whose critical illness was made in recent issues of The Messenger, passed away at 8:30 o'clock on Thursday evening, Oct. 26, his death taking place at Columbia hospital, in which institution he had been a patient since submitting to an operation for appendicitis about three weeks ago. His death is attributed to complications which developed following the operation. While his condition had been considered critical from the first, the attending physicians were not without some hope of his recovery, and relatives here were considerably encouraged last week by the news that his condition appeared to be slightly improved.

The deceased was an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. M. E. Bolender, born at Orangeville, Ill, on June 13, 1891. The family removed from Orangeville to Freeport, when the subject of this sketch had reached the age of six years, making their home in that city for a period of seven years, and then taking up their residence in Chicago. The deceased obtained his early education in the schools of Freeport, subsequently finishing his education in the schools of Chicago.

Since finishing his school work he had followed the profession of window trimmer and was considered an expert in that line, For some years he was employed in that capacity by the Hub clothing store, later resigning to accept a more lucrative position with the Cooper Clothing company, where he was employed when stricken with his fatal illness,

He was a young man of sterling character, true and loyal to his friends, and possessed of a pleasing personality and friendly disposition that won for him the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. His many friends in this village deeply deplore his early demise and sincerely sympathize with the bereaved relatives in their great and crushing sorrow.

It was his request that he be brought to Monticello for burial and that his remains be laid to rest beside those of his mother, who preceded him in death a few years ago. The funeral party arrived here from Chicago Saturday evening and the remains were taken to the home of his aunt, Mrs, A. W. Stout, where funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Muehlmeier, pastor of the German Reformed church, officiated. Forty-five relatives from Illinois were present at the last sad rites, most of them being from Freeport and Orangeville.

The floral tributes from Chicago friends were numerous and most beautiful. One piece which was especially noticeable was a floral blanket of rose buds from the Cooper Clothing Co., by whom the deceased had been employed. Out of respect for the departed, the entire store of the Cooper Company was closed during the services in Chicago.

The remains were accompanied from Chicago by the father and stepmother of the deceased, who returned to Chicago on the afternoon train.