

Emil Elmer, 65, Dies Tuesday After Long Illness; Rites Today

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Washington Twp. Native Hospitalized Frequently Past 4 Years

Emil Elmer, 65 years of age, native of Washington township, and a resident of Monticello for the past 11 years, passed away at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning in the St. Clare hospital after four years of failing health.

Mr. Elmer, highly esteemed resident of the village, had been hospitalized seven times during the four years since he became ill.

A native of Washington township, Emil Elmer was born on the Elmer homestead farm July 17, 1884, the son of Fridolin and Louisa Rhyner Elmer. He attended the Loveland rural school near his home. On Feb. 27, 1908, he was united in marriage to Anna Bidlingmaier at the home of her parents in Washington township. They operated the Elmer farm until Feb. 1, 1938, when they moved to Monticello to make their home. He was a mineral salesman in this territory for a number of years until failing health forced him to give up the work.

Through his buoyant, friendly nature, Mr. Elmer established a large circle of friends and acquaintances, all of whom were grieved upon learning of his death.

Survivors are the widow; one niece, Sylvia Young, Salt Lake City, Utah; one great-niece and one great-nephew. He was preceded, in death by his parents, one sister, Louise, three half-sisters, and three half-brothers.

Mr. Elmer was a member of the Washington Reformed church.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 this (Thursday) afternoon at the Voegeli funeral home for relatives and at 2 at the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Highland cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Carl Bidlingmaier, Monroe, Alvin Bidlingmaier, Winslow, Lawrence Bidlingmaier and Almond Bleiler, Argyle. Sylvan Bidlingmaier and Leon Klassy, Monticello.