

Obituary-Elmer, Fridolin

(Dec 15, 1833 - Dec 19, 1914)

Fridolin Elmer, brief mention of whose death was made in these columns last week was born at Elm, Canton of Glarus, Switzerland, on Dec. 15, 1833, being confirmed at the age of 16 and receiving his education in the schools of his native land.

He came to America in 1853 and settled at Oshkosh, where he was married in 1857 to Miss Sophia Ruff of Fond Du Lac, whose death occurred Oct. 3, 1865. Seven children were born to them - Joseph, Fred, Sophia, Emily, Caroline, Henry and Genevieve, all of whom are living.

Mr. Elmer enlisted for service in the Civil war in February, 1865, and was honorably discharged Oct. 2 of the same year.

On Oct. 17, 1877, he was married to Miss Louise Rhyner. Two children were born to them, Louise and Emil, the former having passed away several years ago.

The subject of this sketch had been known to the writer for nearly fifty years. In all these years I have never heard naught but good of him, and in life's long journey I have never clasped the hand of a truer friend and neighbor than the one whose death we mourn. He was honorable and upright in all things. He won the confidence and respect of his fellow men and as the years rolled by his sterling qualities became better known. He lived a life clearly in keeping with the Golden Rule. He was a friend to all in time of need, and not only that, but more, he was a Christian.

After years of active and successful toil he left his farm and removed to Monticello, there to spend his remaining years. It was hoped by his family and friends that he might find health and happiness in his new home and be free from pain, but fate, decreed it otherwise. He was a patient sufferer, never murmuring or complaining and when he, answered the call to dreamless sleep, it was with a peaceful, quiet ending of a life well spent.

Although the announcement of his death casts a shadow of gloom over the community, and expressions of grief were everywhere heard, it is the home circle from which he has severed all earthly relations that his death brings keenest grief. To them the tender sympathy of friends is extended.

Funeral services were at the German Reformed church at 1:30 o'clock on Dec. 23, conducted by Rev. Muehlmeier, pastor of the church. The services were most impressive and the church was crowded by sympathizing friends and neighbors. Interment was in Highland cemetery.