

Obituary of Mrs. Ed Nicholas  
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MRS. ED NICHOLAS RITES JULY 7

Funeral services for Mrs. Ed Nicholas were conducted at the Congregational Church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. James Mersberg officiating.

Music was by the Misses Nancy and Libby Eliasson with their mother Mrs. Lender Eliasson as accompanist. They sang "Master, Let me walk with Thee" and "Jesus Cares."

Pall bearers were Rodney Oak, Bruce and Merlyn McQuistan, Marion Gust, Raymond Smith and Dick Morman. Internment was in the Crofton Cemetery under the direct of Prescott Funeral Home.

Minnie E. Smith, third child of Jabez and Sarah Smith was born on July 12, 1872 at Sabula, Iowa, and departed this life on July 4, 1956, at the age of 83 years, 11 months, 22 days. At the age of 10 years, the family moved to Harlan, Iowa, where she received the greater part of her schooling. At the age of 18 years she went to Marcus, Iowa to work for relatives. She married Edwin L. Nicholas on March 13, 1895. After their marriage they continued farming near Marcus for 2 years.

Her first venture into Knox County was in the fall of 1896 when she accompanied her husband driving through from Iowa to select their building site on the prairie six miles west of Crofton. They shipped their belongings to Bloomfield in the Spring of 1897 and began to establish themselves on the farm where they lived until 1917. They moved to a residence in Bloomfield for one year and in 1918 returned to farming for two years more.

In 1920 they moved to Crofton and for the past thirty-five years the deceased has resided at the present location. Her death was due to coronary thrombosis having undergone several similar attacks during the past eight years.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1951 and also by a brother and a sister.

She was a prudent mother showing most interest in her home and family. They enjoyed the privilege of celebrating their Golden Wedding in 1945.

Surviving relatives are her four children Sherman of Crofton

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Gladys (Mrs. Rollie McQuistan) of Bloomfield, Nona (Mrs. Ray Oak of Douglas, Wyoming , Earl of Valentine. Two brothers Ira Smith of Pender, Nebr. and James Smith of Harlan, Iowa. All were present for the funeral. Eight Grandchildren, 10 great grand children and many nieces & nephews also survive.

Other relative from a distance who attended were Mr. & Mrs. Jay Peters, Meridan, Iowa, Mr. & Mrs. John Jahde and Mrs. John Jelly of Pender, Mrs. Vera Seney, Walnut Creek, Calif, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Schuett, Bloomfield. Friends from a distance were Mr. & Mrs. John McQuistan, Mrs. Wm. McCartney, Mrs. Margaret Winter, Mrs. Lyle Murray all of Bloomfield, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Oak of Wakefield, Mrs. Mathilda Laase, Valentine, Nr., Marie Parent of Harlan, Iowa, Mr. & Mrs. McQuistan, Ames, Iowa, Mr. & Mrs. Ed McQuistan, Mr. & Mrs. ~~Rollie~~ McQuistan, Mr. and Mrs. John Beran all of Center, Nebraska.