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Edwin L. Nicholas Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted for Edwin L. Nicholas Tuesday Afternoon with the services at the house at 1:30 and at ~~the~~ 2:00 o'clock at the Congregational Church with Rev. Don Scheuer officiating.

The Music was two solos by S.L. Walker accompanied by Mrs. Walker "Beyond the Sunset" and "Goodnight Here and Good Morning Up There". Prelude and Postlude were played by Mrs. Harold Mischke.

Flower girls were the Four granddaughters, Ardis Nicholas, Gust, Mavis and Dona Mae Oak and Marlene Nicholas.

Pallbearers were Dr. H. G. Hansen, Dwight Holtz, Les Tucker, Wm Jungclaus, Chas, Kracht and Wm. Yonke.

Interment was in the Crofton cemetery under the direction of Prescott Funeral Home of Bloomfield.

Obituary

Edwin L. Nicholas, Youngest son of Holmes and Elizabeth Nicholas was born on December 3rd 1870 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa and departed this life July 28th at the age of 80 years 7 months and 25 days. His parents moved to Marcus, Ia. when he was a small child and there he received his schooling and grew to manhood. Throughout his entire life he had been engaged in farming, He had been a member of the Simpson Bethel Church at Marcus and it was there that he was united in marriage to Minnie Smith of Marcus on March 13th 1895. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1945.

Prompted by the pioneering spirit, they moved westward to Knox County Nebraska and broke up the prairie and began to establish themselves on a farm 10 miles north of Bloomfield Nebraskain 1897. Here they lived until 1917, when they moved to a residence in Bloomfield. In 1918 they returned to farming for two more years. In 1920 they moved to Crofton Nebraska where he was living at the time of his death.

His Father and Mother and a brother William preceded him in death. Besides his Wife, he leaves to mourn his departure two sons, Sherman L. of Crofton, Earl E. of Valentine Nebr/ Two Daughters Gladys McQuistan of Bloomfield, and Nona Oak of Douglas Wyoming, One sister of Mrs. Lillian Peters of Fort Lauderdale Florida, Four grandsons, Gene Nicholas of Granger Ia. Roger Oak of Douglas Wyo, Bruce and Merlyn McQuistan of Bloomfield, and four Granddaughters Ardis Nicholas Gust of Crofton, Marlene Nicholas of Valentine and Donna and Mavis Oak of Douglas Wyo., seven great grand children and a host of other relatives and friends.

Relatives from a distance attending the funeral were all his children and grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Oak of Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Peters of Maridan Iowa, Ira J. Smith a brother of Mrs. Nicholas and three daughters Mr. and Mrs. John Jadie, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Louie Rehling all of Pender and James Smith a Brother of Mrs. Nicholas and Marie Parent of Harlan, Iowa