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Art. Brendemuehl Dies Sunday Afternoon

Arthur G. Brendemuehl, one of Timber Lake's beloved octogenarians, passed from the mortal scene, Sunday, Nov. 19.

He died as he would have wanted with his boots (in this case, overshoes) on. He was found Monday morning, seated in a chair, in the office cubicle of the shop in the West River Implement building. Sam Goetz, who works in the shop, found him when he came to work.

Art. had apparently walked the two blocks from his home to check on the furnace at the shop sometime Sunday afternoon. He often fell asleep in a chair. It is supposed feeling tired from the exercise, he had sat down in the chair to rest, and died in his sleep. County Coroner J. D. Kesling placed the time of death at about 6:00 p. m., and a heart attack was the cause.

Funeral service was conducted from the Timber Lake Methodist church on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 10:00 a. m., with the Rev. John C. Gartley of Our Savior's Lutheran church officiating.

Interment was made in the Timber Lake cemetery. Olger Carlson, Sam Goetz, Harold Young, Albert Linderman, Geo. VanderMark and William Lutz served as pallbearers. The Kesling Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brendemuehl had celebrated his 82nd birthday, Thursday of last week, Nov. 16. He farmed a number of years south of Firesteel, with his brother, George, now living near Groton. He came to Timber Lake about six years ago and was employed as a handyman at the West River Implement. Of an unassuming, quiet nature, he never asked any favors of anyone. Emil Ostrom, his employer, said of him, "he was one man who paid his way." He always kept his own home, and its yard neat and clean, and was conscientious about his work at the shop.—Timber Lake Topic.

He is survived by three brothers, George of Groton, Paul of Martensburg, Neb., and Leonard of Deshler, Neb., three sisters, Julia Smith of Groton, Mrs. Joe (Ella) Osman of Groton and Mrs. Harrison (Molly) Hall of Watertown. His parents and one sister preceded him in death.

Relatives attending the last rites were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brendemuehl of Deshler, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. George Brendemuehl of Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hall of Watertown, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Osman and Mrs. Julia Smith of Groton.