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Ben Lackness Dies At Oakland, Calif.

News of the death of Berdines (Ben) E. Lackness, of Oakland, Calif., which occurred on Sunday, Jan. 16, came as a shock to his neighbors and many friends in Groton and vicinity. Mr. Lackness, 72, suffered a stroke about a week or ten days ago, which resulted in his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackness were residents of Groton for several years, until August of 1947, when they sold their home here and moved to Oakland, Calif., where they have resided since.

Mr. Lackness was a long-time employee of the International Harvester company, holding a responsible position with them until he retired, when moving to this city.

Survivors, besides his wife, are two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Ariss (Ruth) of Big Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Harry White (Inga), of Oakland, Calif.; one son, Berdines Lackness of Laredo, Texas, and one grandson, Harry E. White III.

Mr. Lackness was a kind and loving husband and father, and a very considerate neighbor and friend. His fine personality, upright character and keen wit established a warm friendship among all his acquaintances, and his departure will be sad news to a wide circle of friends. He was a native of Dodge County, Minn., and a member of the First English Lutheran church of Groton.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 18, at the Chapel of Albert Engel & Co., and burial was in the Evergreen cemetery at Oakland, Calif.