

November 24, 1949

Hjalmer Lilja

Funeral services were held for Hjalmer Lilja, at 2:30 p. m., Sunday at the Augustana Lutheran church, with the Rev. C. Seeburg of Webster, officiating.

Mrs. Jesse Alberts and Miss Betty Swanson sang, "Out of The Ivory Palaces," and "Down the Long, Long Road." Carl Green sang, "In The Garden," with Mrs. Elvert Swanson as accompanist.

Hjalmer Reubin Lilja was born on August 17, 1899, in Day county, Groton vicinity, and died in the Webster hospital, following an auto accident, at the age of 50 years.

He lived at his present farm home in Claremont township for more than 40 years. On March 8, 1927, he was married to Lydia Sippel. To this union two daughters were born, Mrs. Irvin Fliehs (Janice) of Groton and Betty, at home. Besides his wife and daughters, survivors are one grandson, Larry Fliehs; two sisters, Mrs. Randall Peterson, of Groton and Mrs. Earl Bisson of Claremont. He was preceded in death by his father in 1946; his mother in 1948; a sister, Mabel, in 1920, and Julian, a twin brother, who died in infancy.

He was baptized and confirmed in the Augustana church, being an active member all of his life.

Mr. Lilja was a member of the Claremont Gym Board, Elks' lodge in Aberdeen, and The Ancient Order of United Workmen. For twelve years he had acted as a member of the school board of Claremont township.

Honorary pallbearers were: Paul Sindt, Percy Benedict, Ade Johnson, Sam Pulfrey, Glen Olson, George Andrews and Cleo Sweeney, while active pallbearers were: Theo. Rust, Raymond Anderson, Norman Peterson, William Vickers, Emory Peterson and Orville Kolbo. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Hjalmer Lilja's upright character and honesty gained for him the admiration of a large circle of friends. He was a kind and thoughtful friend, a helpful neighbor and a devoted and loving husband and father.

Relatives and friends who attended the last rites from away were: Mrs. Elizabeth Sippel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sweeney and Mrs. Sims, all of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rehfeld of Warner, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Ias Rasmussen of Sandborn, N. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hillgren and son, Charles, of Webster, S. D.