

Death Claims Grandmother
and Grandson

ELIZABETH RIEDESEL

Mrs. Elizabeth Riedesel (nee Knoche) was born August 10, 1835, at Wunderthausen, in the province of Westphalia, Germany. In 1857 at the age of 22 years, she emigrated to America and came to Wheatland, Iowa. Here she was united in marriage with Mr. John Riedesel on July 7, 1859. They established their home on a farm one mile north of Wheatland and became members of St. Paul's Reformed church at Wheatland.

God prospered their labors with His blessings, so that they were well provided with the comforts of life according to their needs. Their family life was blessed with seven children, three sons and four daughters, whom they brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. One daughter, Catherine, died in 1907, at the age of 37 years. The other six children survive their parents.

In December 1908 her husband died. On March 5, 1921, their home was destroyed by fire. Since then she made her home with her son-in-law, Mr. Frederick Endorf.

During the last years she suffered more and more from the infirmities of old age. About a week ago she became so feeble that she was unable to leave her bed. On Tuesday, September 25, shortly after midnight, she departed from this world, and as we confidently hope, entered into the joy and bliss of eternal life. She attained to an age of 88 years, 1 month and 15 days.

The nearest relatives who mourn over her departure are three sons, Ferdinand, Emil and Otto Riedesel; three daughters, Miss Christina Riedesel, Miss Emma Riedesel, and Mrs. Anna Endorf; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. With them also mourn a large circle of other relatives and friends and the entire St. Paul's congregation, of which congregation the deceased and her husband were charter members, and also the Ladies Aid of which organization she was a member.

May God, in His mercy, comfort all who are grieved over her departure with that consolation, which faith in Christ Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer brings into our heart, and with that union of love which death cannot sever.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the home of Fred Endorf at one o'clock where brief service was held, then to St. Paul's church in town, where a fine service was held by Rev. J. Lowden, who also officiated at the burial service at the family lot in St. Paul's cemetery.

The surviving children of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Riedesel desire to thank all who helped them with kind deeds and comforting words during their hour of affliction.

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