

LOOKING BACK

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Rites Thursday for Edward Eckhardt, pioneer resident January 8, 1953 State Center Enterprise

Edward Eckhardt Sr., 83, prominent pioneer resident of State Center passed away Monday, December 29th at his home here following an illness of several weeks. Mr. Eckhardt has been in declining health for nearly a year.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, January 1st at St. Paul Lutheran church at two o'clock with the Rev. Elmer J. Braun officiating. The Brimhall-West Funeral home was in charge. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Will Eckhardt, Albert Smith, John Edler, Walter Pfantz, G.M. Hilleman and Elmer Hilleman. Flower bearers were Edith Hilleman, Lois Hilleman, Bernice Hilleman, Ildra Hilleman, Rose Pfantz and Eleanora Eckhardt.

Edward Eckhardt was born July 17, 1869, near State Center, the son of August and Wilhelmina Eckhardt. He lived at the parental home until moving to State Center in 1902. He was united in marriage to Lilla Hilleman on April 13, 1893.

Mr. Eckhardt was engaged in the livestock business for a number of years and later operated a cement block manufacturing plant.

In 1912 he entered the automobile business in partnership with Eugene Hilleman in State Center. He also was in the auto business in Marshalltown for a year.

Mr. Eckhardt served on the Town Council from 1910 to 1916. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran church.

In addition to his wife he is survived by three sons, Walter E. of State Center, Ralph of Des Moines and Clarence of Madelia, Minn. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckhardt observed their 59th wedding anniversary last April.

Attending the services from away were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eckhardt and Mrs. Millie Schaper of Madelia, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eckhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eckhardt Jr. and Mrs. Joan Rose of Des Moines; Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Gibson of Shell Rock; Amos Freiboth and Mrs. Elmer Wolken of Dillon; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hilleman and Connie, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wolken, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Tostenson of Marshalltown; Mrs. Jean Cross and Jerry of Vinton; Mrs. Bernard O'Malley and Bernard and Mary of Belvidere, Ill.; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hilleman and Esther of Nevada.