

LOOKING BACK

BY SHIRLY SCHAPER

Lorenz German passes unexpectedly March 8

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Lorenz German, 72, prominent retired farmer of this community, passed away Wednesday, March 8 at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines where he had been a patient for about a week. He had been in declining health for the past three and a half years, and a patient at the Iowa Soldiers Home in Marshalltown since December 8, 1965.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. E.A. Wiedbush officiating. The Wensel Perrin Funeral Home was in charge. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery and flag-folding ceremonies were in charge of Harland G. Pfantz Post, No. 122 of the American Legion.

Pallbearers were Merle and Norris Wilkey, Wayne and Robert Metge, Philip Buck and John Rohrer.

Mr. German was born September 22, 1894, in Marshall county, the son of William and Minnie Kuhlman German. He was educated in the rural schools and St. John's Parochial school near State Center.

He was a veteran of World War I, being inducted into the Army July 24, 1919 at Camp Dodge.

He was united in marriage to Aleta Gerke on June 26, 1919 at State Center. They farmed north of State Center until 1956 when he retired and they moved to town.

He is survived by his widow, (two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth) Veren and Mrs. Virgil Klemme; two sons, Lanny and LaVern, all of State Center. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister and a granddaughter.

(Shirley's note: The information in parentheses was left out of the original article, but beings I knew what was suppose to be included, I took the liberty to add it.)