

Harmsen, William

## SUDDEN DEATH OF WM. HARMSSEN

d. 10-28-1931

Wm. Harmsen, 70, died suddenly at his home southeast of Collins shortly after noon Wednesday. Although he had not been feeling well for several days, no alarm was felt, and his death came as a great shock to all.

Funeral services will be held from the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. Cynthia Harmsen, two daughters, one step-son and three grandchildren, Billie, Harriet and Minnie Mae Sheibley, all of Collins; four sisters, Mrs. J. W. Fiske of Des Moines, Mrs. Anna Straub of Stockton, Calif., Miss Hattie Harmsen and Miss Jennie Harmsen, both of Pella, all of whom were present at the funeral; two brothers, Garrett Harmsen of Tamaha, Okla., and John Harmsen of Des Moines. Numerous other relatives, friends and neighbors also mourn his death.

He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Mr. Harmsen was a very kind and considerate husband and father, ever willing to sacrifice his own interests for the benefit of others. He was a staunch believer in Christianity and lived his own life as he visioned it should be lived.

Funeral services for the late Wm. Harmsen were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home southeast of Collins, with the Rev. John Adamson, pastor of the Collins M. E. church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hartin of the Farrar M. P. church.

A quartet, composed of Mrs. O. N. Serbein, Mrs. O. H. Gearhart, J. R. Witmer and J. G. Gingles, sang three of Mr. Harmsen's favorite songs: "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Asleep in Jesus" and "Beulah Land." Miss Hilda Witmer was the piano accompanist.

Interment was in Collins Evergreen cemetery, and the pallbearers were Frank Kimberley, Chas. Kimberley, Leonard Evans, Guy Elliott, S. A. Carr and Garrett Akins.

### Obituary

William Harmsen, second son of Garrett and Antonia Harmsen, was born at Pella, Ia., Oct. 30, 1861, and passed away at his home near Collins Oct. 28, 1931, at the age of 69 years, 11 months and 28 days.

He grew to manhood at Pella.

At the age of 21 he was united in marriage to Cynthia E. Fiske at Pella. The following year they moved to a farm south of Collins in Jasper county, where they resided six years. In 1890 they moved to the farm in Collins township where they have continuously resided the past 41 years, with the exception of 2 years spent in Des Moines.

To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Rumbaugh and Mrs. Aura Sheibley, both of Collins, Ia., and Otis Wm. Harmsen, a step-son, also of Collins.

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