

LOOKING BACK

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Funeral services for Theodore Helmcke, well known resident of Clemons, were held at the Clemons church at 2:30 p.m. Monday, in charge of Rev. Jesse Kauffman of Allison, assisted by Rev. Everett Robie of Clemons. Burial was in the Clemons cemetery.

Mr. Helmcke, who died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, had been ill since last November, when he suffered a stroke.

He was born in Boresholm, Holstein, Germany, May 30, 1867, and came to this country at the age of 14. He made his home with an uncle in Parker, S.D., for some time and came to Iowa as a young man. He was married on May 23, 1897 to Georgia Smith. To this union four daughters were born, all of whom, with the widow, survive. The children are Mrs. Harte C. Ross, Mrs. W.J. Paltzer and Mrs. Raymond Bryant, all of Clemons, and Mrs. Charles D. Norris of Eldora. Three grandchildren, a brother, Max Helmcke of Boone and two sisters, Antonia and Emma of Germany also survive.

Mr. Helmcke was active in community and civic affairs during his long residence here. He served as clerk of Minerva township for 30 years and was mayor of Clemons for several terms. He was a member of the Congregational Christian church here, the Minerva I.O.O.F. lodge, No 527 and Rei Rebekah N. 294.