

LOOKING BACK

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Lawrence Pfantz Sr. passes on Wednesday

Lawrence Pfantz Sr., 76, a lifelong resident of Marshall county, passed away in his sleep, at his home in State Center, Wednesday morning, January 4. He had been in declining health for a year and recently had been hospitalized in Marshalltown.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at one-thirty p.m. from the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. E. L. Stuempfig, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church officiating. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home was in charge. Interment was in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, Marshalltown.

Pallbearers were Glynn Nolta, Ben Overman, Donald Lane, Edison Davis, Charles Heishman and E. H. Oehlsen.

Mr. Pfantz was born August 18, 1890 in Marshall county, the son of George and Minnie Nolta Pfantz. He was baptized and confirmed in St. John's Lutheran Church and was educated in St. John's parochial school.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army on June 24, 1918 in Marshalltown and he served with Casualty Company V, 163rd Brigade. He received his honorable discharge at Camp Dodge on January 22, 1919.

He was united in marriage to Mary Teeters on April 12, 1919 at Marshalltown. They farmed near State Center until moving to town in 1930. For many years Mr. Pfantz was employed by the Marshall County highway department, retiring from his employment with them in 1958.

He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Davis of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Kathryn Lawson of Brooklyn; two sons, James of Brooklyn and Lawrence Jr., of State Center. Also surviving are two brothers, Ira of State Center and Oscar of Leola, S.D., one sister, Mrs. Arthur Riese of State Center; 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by a brother.