

LOOKING BACK

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Mrs. Anna Funke, pioneer resident, succumbs Sunday April 25, 1963 State Center Enterprise

Mrs. Anna Funke, 89, highly respected and longtime resident of this community, passed away Sunday afternoon at Evangelical hospital in Marshalltown where she had been a patient for ten days after suffering a heart attack at home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock from the St. Paul Lutheran Church with the Rev. B. O. Lokensgard of Marshalltown officiating. Burial was in Hillside cemetery. Pallbearers were Lloyd Saltzman, Carroll Wykle, Earl Weuve Sr., Albert Bohnsack, Iver Veren and Oscar Wehrman. Flower bearers were Mrs. Harold Hilleman and Mrs. Oscar Wehrman. Wensel Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Funke was born February 18, 1874 in Story county, the daughter of John and Marie Gutzman Schmellik. She grew to young womanhood and was educated in the rural schools in Story county.

On October 4, 1894 she was united in marriage to August Funke Jr., and the couple farmed near State Center till his death in 1915. Mrs. Funke continued to reside on the farm until 1926 when she moved to State Center. For the past several years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Veren and Mr. Veren.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the Royal Neighbors of America and the State Center Garden Club.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Veren of State Center and Mrs. Irene Woehlke of Chicago, Ill., one son, Earl Funke of State Center; eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, three brothers and one sister.