

Walter R. Shearer, son of William and Maggie Shearer, was born April 1, 1886, in Polk County, Iowa, and except for ten years in northern Iowa (1928-38) spent his entire life in this vicinity. On February 5, 1908, he was united in marriage with Mabel Acton. To this union eleven children were born, of whom seven survive: Ralph of Madrid, Lewis and Aaron of Polk City, William of Luther, Richard of Minneapolis, Ernest of Des Moines, and (Mrs.) Lola Haeft of Charles City. One daughter, (Mrs.) Catherine Waterman, preceded her parents in death (1940), as had two sons, Roy and Carl Eugene, and also an infant daughter. Mrs. Shearer, too, preceded her husband in death, April 30, 1949. Other survivors include a brother, Clyde, and a sister, Mrs. Will Murry, both of Madrid. Two brothers, John and Bertie, are deceased. Eight grandchildren, also survive: Robert, Larry, Mark, and Lois Lynn Shearer; Leola and William Haeft; (Mrs.) Ruth Ann Mullen and Norma Jean Waterman. There are nineteen nephews and nieces, among other relatives, and many friends.

Soon after the Shearers moved to Madrid, in 1947, they became members of the First Christian Church, which Mr. Shearer has served in the office of deacon. He was also a member of the Star Lodge No. 115 of Free Masonry in Madrid, a life-member of the Des Moines Consistory of 32nd Degree Masonry, and a member of the Occidental Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Madrid.

Mr. Shearer has been in failing health since 1951. On July 19, 1959, he entered the Iowa Lutheran Home in Madrid, from which he was removed to the Boone County Hospital on August 30. Death came the following morning at 1:35 a.m., at the age of 73 years, 4 months, and 30 days.

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