

LOOKING BACK

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W.C. Stumme dies in Elgin hospital

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William C. Stumme, 63 years of age, of Great Falls Mont., passed away at an Elgin, Ill., hospital on Sunday, July 18. Mr. Stumme was in Elgin on a visit with relatives, and had stopped at Boone and State Center on the trip to Elgin, visiting relatives in both places. He was for many years a resident of Elgin, but in recent years had been employed in the Great Falls postoffice.

Mr. Stumme was born at Elk Grove, Ill., on Feb. 15, 1874. He was a member of Elgin Company, E in the Spanish war and had experienced three years army service in the Philippines. He was married to Emma Leininger of Boone, Iowa, and for a time they made their home in State Center, later moving to Great Falls, Mont.

Surviving relatives are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. LaVerne Chamberlain and Mrs. Elsie Depner, and four grandchildren, all of Great Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Chas. Lange and Mrs. Martin Bremmer, and one brother, Charles Stumme, of Elgin, Ill.

Funeral services were held from the Bethlehem Lutheran church on Wednesday, July 21, at 2:00 p.m., Rev. J. Helmer of Chicago officiating. Burial was in the Bluff City cemetery, with military honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hilleman, Mrs. Marie Hilleman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerke, Louise Busse, August Gerke, Louis Gerke, Henry Schaper and Conrad Schaper attended the services from this vicinity.