

## FUNERAL SERVICE OF PETER EITZEN

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Monday, Dec. 27. In the evening the old father Eitzen who has been in the old people's home since Feb. 1922 where he spent his latter days passed on. He was over 81 years old. They had his funeral on Dec. 26 from the Bergfelder church. After a short service in his original home where his son Herman now lives, they took him to the church where they continued the service. Rev. D. P. Eitzen led the service. Since the weather became milder, a lot of friends were able to come. Rev. N. N. Hiebert spoke on Psalm 23 especially verse 1. He made special emphasis of the word "is" in the first verse which show knowing "my shepherd." "is" shows possession. Whoever has really accepted the shepherd and Savior can make use of the rest of what follows in that verse. He said that titles like deacon, preacher, Sunday school teacher mean nothing unless you know the Lord yourself. Rev. J. H. Quiring from Dallas, Oregon spoke about the light side of death; he who has the Lord as his shepherd has the door of death open into something better on the other side. Lazarus was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom, where there is the sting of death. After the obituary was read by Elder David Eitzen, then Rev. D. A. Reiger made closing remarks. The deceased was taken to the cemetery next door to the church (Mt. Lake cemetery).

## OBITUARY

Our father Peter Eitzen was born the 13th of September 1843 in Sparrau, South Russia. At the age of 6 months his parents moved with him to Orechow where he grew up. His parents left him an orphan at an early age and so strangers had to raise him. He married our mother Katharina Nickel of Rudnerweide in 1870, the 8th of January. They lived in Orechow for 10 years where he owned a flour mill. They immigrated to America in 1879 with their four small children and came to Mt. Lake on June 28. Grandpa's sister Mrs. Heinrich Holtzrichter was looking forward to them coming but she died soon after they arrived.

They settled 7 miles south of Mountain Lake. After 9 hard years in this land our mother died on March 1, 1888. Father was left with 9 children - 6 sons and 3 daughters. It was very sad and hard for him.

Father then married Elizabeth Flaming and they had 7 children - 4 sons and 3 daughters in this marriage. On the 20th of November 1909 our parents sold their farm that they had lived on for 30 years. With the 6 youngest children, they moved to Mountain Lake. In 1914, the 10th of January, they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. In a short time after that, on June 11, our dear mother died as she soon became sick after the silver wedding anniversary. He was a widower 10 years, 6 months and 10 days in the second marriage; they lived together 25 years, 5 months and 1 day.

As his children all made their own decisions as to what they would do, he also made his decision to move to the old people's home. He entered the home on Feb. 24, 1922 where he also died. When his daughter Mrs. John Regier died he cried much and said, "Oh, if I could have gone in her place." He suffered and became weaker from old age. He was old and tired and got his wish that he would die soon. He reached the age of 81 years, 3 months and 9 days. He went to be with the Lord on December 22, 1923.