

Our beloved husband and father, Peter P. Eitzen, was born on November 19, 1870, at Orechow, South Russia. When he was old enough to go to school he attended the German school taught by his uncle David Nickel from Steinfeld, who was then living with the Eitzen family.

In the year 1879 he came with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eitzen, Sr. to America and they settled down on a farm southeast of Mt. Lake. Here he joined with neighbors and friends children in school taught by Uncle Johann Becker.

He was 17 years old when his mother died and as the oldest son of a big family he did a lot of working in the neighborhood. For three years he worked for his brother-in-law John H. Regier and it was almost a second home. It was also at this time that he joined the Bergfelder Church through baptism.

On November 19, 1896, he got married to Sarah Quiring which lasted 39 years, 1 month and 22 days when he was called home to be with the Lord. In these years they jointly bore all that came along - good times with also hard times, whatever came along. The first year of their married life, they lived with the parents of his wife. After that they moved to a farm west of Mt. Lake which they bought and lived there until October 24, 1935. Here they brought up their children, 4 sons and 3 daughters of which 1 son and 2 daughters entered eternal life ahead of him. He became grandfather of 6 grandchildren; one grandchild died in infancy.

During the revival meetings of Rev. Wm. Dickman from Pennsylvania in 1918 he received the renewing of the Holy Spirit and accepted Christ Jesus as his redeemer along with his wife. This dominated their lives and they both let their light shine and testified openly of their Lord and Saviour. His faith was strong in God, when he had to undergo a surgery in 1927. In 1920 they joined the Alliance Church as members. In the night of January 11, 1934, he had a dream, something like a vision, where he and his faithful redeemed believers in Christ had a trip into the eternal Heavens. And Jesus Christ was train captain. Jesus examined each passenger and only those that had been washed in the blood of the Lamb were good to go in this crystal train. This vision was on his mind very much in the last days of his life and the day before his death he declared that his train was coming.

Two years before his death he became affected with some kind of nerve sickness and as time went on, it got worse, so that he was more and more dependent on help from his family. And that was also why they came to the conclusion to leave the farm and move to Mt Lake in the year 1935. So they built a new house especially for his wife and son Henry. Although he would have liked to have stayed, he was willing also to follow the Lord's command. The 6th of January his condition got worse and his strength left him fast. A heart condition set in, and by the 10th of January, the time had come and he went home peacefully to be with the Lord. He reached the age of 65 years, 1 month and 22 days.

He left behind his wife, Sara, 3 sons - Heinrich, Peter and Lando and 1 daughter, Tina, Mrs. Frank Reimer, also 1 son-in-law and 2 daughters-in-law, also 5 grandchildren and 8 brothers and 4 sisters, but 2 sisters and 1 brother have gone on before.

Many friends and relatives feel the separation but the hope to see our loved ones again in the land of eternal life is a comfort to all. The world does not know. It's too complicated.