

Fred Beckman

Funeral services for Fred Beckman were held Thursday, April 16 at the St. John's Lutheran church with Rev. H. L. Niederwimmer officiating. Music was furnished by Velma Huetig and Martha Lou Paulsen. Burial was made in the Laurel cemetery under the direction of the Solso Funeral service.

Pallbearers were Jack Paulsen, Ralph Gailey, Earl Iler, Fred Wiemers, Alfred Mittelstadt and Arnold Heitman.

Fred Beckman was born Feb. 5, 1864 in Sande, Germany. He came to America in 1881 at the age of 17. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Teten and to this union were born Herman Beckman, Coleridge; Lillie Beckman, Sweet Home, Ore.; and J. C. Beckman, Eugene, Ore. His wife, Elizabeth, Mrs. Katie Urwiler and a baby preceded him in death.

In his early life he had charge of a butter factory in eastern Iowa for 14 years. He operated a farm near Laurel until the death of his wife in 1932. June 4, 1942, he moved to Oregon, where he made his home with his daughter, Lillie. For the past five and one-half years they have lived in Sweet Home, Ore., where his daughter is teaching.

Mr. Beckman was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith of which he was a member until his death.

Wednesday, April 8, he was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene, Ore., where he passed away at 2 p.m. April 11.

He is also survived by his grandsons, Harley Urwiler, Laurel; John Beckman, Guam; Don and Robert Beckman, Eugene, Ore.; granddaughters, Mrs. Giles Cisney, Wakefield; Mrs. Max Barham, Napa, Calif.; and nine great-grandchildren.