

## **Miles STURGES Dies From Infection Monday Morn**

Prominent Slayton Farmer  
Dies After Heroic Battle  
At Tracy Hospital

Leg Amputated As Last Resort Friday

Funeral Held Here Yesterday  
At M. E. Church Was Largely Attended

Miles STURGES succumbed Monday morning after an unavailing fight of six weeks against septicemia. Death came to him at a hospital in Tracy, where he had been taken for treatment when it became apparent that his case had taken a more serious turn.

On October 10, Mr. STURGES bruised his right leg against a wagon wheel as he worked about his farm home three miles north of Slayton. Infection developed in what at first seemed a trivial injury and the disease progressed rapidly. He was taken to the Tracy hospital for treatment to stay the inroads of the infection, but despite the efforts of physicians and nurses it became worse, spreading over much of the leg.

Gangrene developed and in a desperate effort to save his life, the leg was amputated on Nov. 11. Two blood transfusions were administered, his two sons, Russell and Marvin, being the donors. Recovery was not the divine plan, however, and about 10:30 Monday his spirit took its flight.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon, a brief service being held at the family home at 1:30, followed by another service at two o'clock at the Methodist church with Rev. E. E. ACKERMAN officiating. Burial was made in the Slayton cemetery and the following friends were his pall bearers: Irvin COCHRAN, John WELCH, Oscar JOHNSON, William KLINGBEIL, Howard NEWELL and Stanley FOSTER.

Miles William STURGES was born November 4, 1880, at Canada Corners, Ill. He also lived for a time in Iowa. Upon attaining man's estate he engaged in farming, an occupation he pursued the remainder of his life.

He was married on June 7, 1904, to Miss Leila MINOR, the marriage taking place at Currie. For a time they made their home at Monticello, Minnesota, but for the past 30 years they have been residents of Murray county.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. STURGES, two of them, Ralph and Donald, died in infancy, and one daughter, Mrs. Mike HANNO, also preceded her father in death. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Marvin, of Lake Benton; Mrs. Alfred HOLMBECK, of Hadley; Russell and Dorothy, at home. He is also survived by three brothers, Harrison, of

Balaton; Robert, of Hutchinson, and Charley, of Castle Rock, Wash., and five sisters, Mrs. Charley FERGUSON, Harris, IA.; Mrs. Susan SCHROEDER, Ruthton; Mrs. Ami WHITMAN, Currie; Mrs. Henry PETERS, LeMars, Iowa, and Mrs. Chris KARL, Slayton.

Industrious, loyal and devoted to his family, kindly and helpful as a neighbor, Miles STURGES won and retained the esteem of all who knew him. His untimely death coming at the prime of his life, was a loss that is keenly felt by a large circle of friends.

Coming here from a distance to attend the funeral were the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Robert STURGES and family, Hutchinson; Mr. and Mrs. Charley FERGUSON, Round Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin MINOR, St. Cloud; Mr. and Mrs. Ami WHITMAN, Currie; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison STURGES, Balaton; Mr. and Mrs. Everett KEITH, Canton, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry WHITMAN, Excelsior; Irvin MINOR, Cherokee, Iowa.

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