

Herman Bensman Dies In His Home

Rites Are Held For Pioneer
Business Man Wednesday

Funeral services were held in St. Augustine's church Wednesday morning for Herman Bensman, aged 85 years and ten months, one of the few pioneer Minster business men privileged to live to see this modern era, who succumbed to a protracted illness last Saturday in his home at 24 North Main street.

Mr. Bensman, who conducted a blacksmith shop here more than 60 years ago, and who in his time also studied and followed trades of wagon maker and carpenter during the many long years in which he was active, had suffered with complications for a period of two years. He was confined to bed six weeks.

A lifelong resident of this community, he was born in Minster Dec. 1, 1857, a son of the late William and Catherine Danzig Bensman. His marriage to Miss Anna Fischer took place on Sept. 6, 1882. This union was broken up, after nearly 60 years, by the death of Mrs. Bensman on June 15, 1941. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1932.

At the time of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bensman established residence in the home on East Fourth street now owned by Mrs. Pauline Sommer. After a number of years spent there, Mr. Bensman purchased the dwelling in which his death occurred.

He learned the blacksmith and wagon making trades in the Buschman shop at Fort Laramie, and after completing his trades apprenticeship, started in business for himself, in a shop which then stood at the present site of the building owned by Mrs. Millie Schmieder, on East Fourth street. Some years later he disposed of the business, and was employed as a blacksmith by the Industrial Equipment company, then by the Minster Machine company. He had not been active in late years because of failing health.

A son and three daughters are left, namely Mrs. Pauline Kuhlman, Dayton; Mrs. Carrie Kirach, Minster; Oliver Bensman, Sidney, and Mrs. Viona King, Dayton. There are eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A brother, Anthony, resides on a farm south of McCartyville.

Rev. Theodore Koenn intoned the requiem high mass at the funeral Wednesday morning. Interment followed in the church burial ground. The pallbearers were Edwin J. Meyer, Alfred B. Fischer, Urban Heitkamp, Louis Knostman, Frank Troring and William Oldiges.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends who were here for the funeral were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Ollie King and daughters Donna Lou and Patty; Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhlman, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kuhlman and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Cornwell and family,

Mrs. Ben Koester, Mrs. R. Shiverdecker, Mrs. Charles Madlinger, Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bensman, Sidney; Herman Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fleiman, Yorkshire; Mrs. Ben Fosselman, and Henry Cardo, Miss Carrie; Mr. and Mrs. F. Bensman, Joseph Bensman, St. Patrick's; Anton Bensman, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bensman, Mrs. Anton Winner, McCartyville; Mr. and Mrs. John Fischer, Brock; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arling, Osgood.