

Obituary-Al. Budworth.

At his home, on Thursday afternoon, last, died Albert Budworth an old-time resident of this county and for many years a citizen of Lancaster city, at the age of 63 years, 4 months and 23 days. Deceased had not been in good health for a number of months, but complained so little that his family scarcely knew of his indisposition.

Albert Budworth was born at Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1852, the son of Benjamin and Anna (McNeal) Budworth, and came west with his parents when a child. He had lived, at the time of his death, in Grant county nearly, or quite, 60 years.



On November 14, 1871, deceased married Miss Euphemia Irish, at Dunleith, now East Dubuque, Illinois, and they soon settled on a farm in the town of Beetown. Later on they lived in the village of Bloomington, where they lived for a number of years, a part of which time Mr. Budworth served the village as marshal. In the year 1888 the family moved to Lancaster, and they have been here since that date.

Besides being marshal of Bloomington, Mr. Budworth served Lancaster in a like capacity for nine years. And once he was elected sheriff, nine years ago, and undoubtedly would have served a second term, only that the law forbade a second term to the sheriff. Seldom does a man quit the office of sheriff with so many friends among those who stand for the observance of law, order and a proper regard for high standards of public

morals. For whether "Al" Budworth was serving the public as sheriff, or city marshal, he did his duty as he saw it and as the law demanded. He was not afraid of what man may say, nor of what a bad man may do. His sense of public morals was always high; his standards of living were at all times high. He was also at one time an alderman in Lancaster.

To Mr. and Mrs. Budworth were born seven children: Charles A., Lancaster; Beryl D., Portland, Oregon; Clyde A., a dentist at Prescott, Wisc.; Grace, now Mrs. H. A. Elwell, Clarion, Iowa; Estelle, now Mrs. A. O. Lee, Clarion, Iowa; Clinton F., Cassville, and Fred, who died in infancy. These six grown children, all with families, save Charles A., have from the day they went into the world regarded the home tree as still their own. And when death claimed the father they rushed back with love and sympathy for the surviving mate, their mother, except Beryl D., who might not come so far. And as for him, he had but recently gone again to the far west, after a long visit at home. The other sons and daughters, with their families, were here for the sad rites and to bring every possible comfort and such peace as they might to their sorrowing mother. For be it said, "Al" Budworth's home was indeed a home to his children.

Besides the children, and the distressed widow, there survive two brothers: George, of Bloomington, and William R., of Chicago; and three sisters, Mrs. William Gates, Cassville, Mrs. Frank Steubenrauch, Chicago, and Mrs. Henry Roberts, Bloomington. The brother, George, a most genial and wholesome brother, was at the home and left it only a few minutes before the swift hand of heart failure did its awful work. The son, Clinton F., came to town, only an hour after the death of his father, unmindful of the sad homecoming that was awaiting him.

In his church affiliations Mr. Budworth was a Baptist, and as was characteristic of him, he believed with all his heart what he believed at all. He was a member of the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows and Woodmen.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Weybrauch; burial was made at Hillside cemetery.

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