

Robert Aydelotte Services On Friday

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 22 at 2:00 P. M., for Robert L. Aydelotte who was accidentally killed in a tractor accident on his farm west of Arnold, Tuesday, April 19.

Services were held from the Methodist Church with Rev. Harold O. Massie, Rev. E. N. Littrell & Wm. A. Layton Post No. 130 officiating.

Don Swanson, Gerrit Brower, Rev. Herman Fales and Ferald Johnson sang "Going Down the Valley" and "Some Time Some Where" accompanied by Mrs. Kenneth Yanken on the piano.

Pallbearers were: Raymond Koubek, Harry Bryan, Tom Beeken, Lester Patton, Raymond Foran & Cecil Pearce.

Interment was at Arnold.

Robert Lefler Aydelotte, second son of George Edward and Adda Mary Aydelotte, was born in Fullerton, Nebraska, July 23, 1894, and died at his home west of Arnold on April 19, 1960, at the age of 65 years, 8 months and 26 days.

While a baby he made the trip to Indiana and back to Nebraska in a covered wagon with his parents.

His childhood was spent on various farms in Valley and Howard counties and one year in Montana near Great Falls where as a 15-year old boy he worked on a cattle ranch. He began farming for himself by operating the extensive grain farm of Alex McDonald northeast of Arnold.

A World War I veteran, he entered the service on September 5, 1918 and trained in a machine gun unit near Atlanta, Georgia. On discharge from the service he went to South Dakota to ranch in partnership with his brother-in-law, Francis G. Holden, on the Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Zieback County, South Dakota. Then he worked on the construction of the Cheyenne River bridge, freighting steel beams sixty miles with an eight horse team.

For six years he managed the Woodward General Mdse. Store in Lantry, South Dakota making friends among the Sioux customers and learning Sioux trade talk.

His horsemanship and love of horses was a life interest despite his aptitude for mechanical work which led to heavy construction work for the Winston Construction Company in building the Snake River Dam and saw mill at Lewiston, Idaho. He graduated from an Automotive School in Los Angeles, California, returning to Nebraska to work for a short time in garages in Broken Bow and at North Platte and for six years as shop foreman for The Carmody Buick Company of Chadron, Nebraska.

In 1933 he returned to farming and located west of Arnold where he spent the remainder of his life, in the active operation of his farm.

He was united in marriage to Ruth Edna Chittenden of Logan, Nebraska, December 26, 1940.

He served on the school board of District 27 for 12 years and was on the Arnold Township Board for many years. He has been a member of the American Legion since its early years of organization.

Robert will be remembered for his integrity, his unwavering standards of justice and respect for law.

Preceded in death by his father, mother and two brothers: Lee Howard and John Edward, he is survived by his wife, Ruth and their three sons: Robert Roy, 15; James Frank, 14; and Ralph Lee, 8; and three sisters: Georgia Holden of Alameda, California; Margaret of Arnold; and Alice Giles of Mullen, Nebraska; and one brother, Farguar of Morton, Wyoming and many other relatives & friends.