

Death of Old Pioneer

JOHN SPINARSKI SR. DIES AFTER
A FEW WEEKS ILLNESS FROM
BRIGHT'S DISEASE

This community was shocked to receive the news that John Spinarski Sr., for twenty years a farmer residing about three miles west of here, died at his farm home last Saturday morning surrounded by his wife and other members of the family. The immediate cause of his death was attributed to an attack of Bright's disease with which deceased had been afflicted for several weeks past, though complications arising from overwork and a general breakdown of health hastened his early demise.

Funeral was held Monday morning from his farm home where he had lived since coming to this state and a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased accompanied the remains to the German Catholic church west of town where services were held by the Rev. Father Bierens of the Wimbledon parsonage, who had held services in the little church for the past six years and was an intimate friend of the deceased. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

John Spinarski was born in the province of West Prussia, Germany, in 1854 and was a little over 57 years of age at the time of his death. When about 15 years of age his family removed to southern Russia where he remained until he came to North Dakota twenty years ago. He has always been a hard worker and a devoted husband and father to his family and will be sadly missed by all who were near and dear to him.

He went to Rochester, Minn., several weeks ago to seek relief for his failing health but the noted doctors at St. Mary's hospital could hold out no helping hand. Returning to his home here upon the advice of the noted physicians, who frankly told the patient that no doctor's skill could give him more than temporary relief, he prepared for death which was hourly expected.

Many residents of Courtenay and vicinity attended the funeral of the deceased and accompanied the remains to their last resting place.