

# Passed Away

## Last Friday

COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS  
OF AN HONORED  
CITIZEN.

Our community was greatly grieved and shocked to hear of the death last Friday of one of our earliest settlers, Frank J. Merritt. He was taken sick Dec. 21st with pneumonia, was very ill from the beginning, dying Friday noon, Jan. 6th.

Mr. Merritt was born Jan. 30, 1857, at LaPorte, Indiana. His boyhood days were spent at the farm home near Ft. Wayne, Indiana. In 1885, he, with his brother, Chas. came to North Dakota, filing on homesteads southwest of Courtenay, which place has been his home ever since. As one of the earliest settlers, Mr. Merritt went thru all the hardships of pioneer life, but he loved North Dakota and was never happier than when in the farm home.

He has been a silent worker in the Presbyterian church at Courtenay, uniting with it shortly after its organization. He was kind and loving in disposition no one ever asking help or sympathy in vain.

He will be greatly missed in our community and farm home, where he leaves an only brother, Charles, and wife one niece, Mabel and nephew, Donald, to mourn his loss.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday, burial at Courtenay cemetery.