

Oscar Adolph Sonju

The deceased, Oscar Adolph Sonju, was born at the Sonju home west of Hannaford, the 23rd of April, 1895. His parents are Christian G. Sonju and Elen Dortehea Sonju nee Fjirdingstad. Oscar was both baptised and confirmed in the Lutheran church by the former pastor of this church, Rev. P. A. Thorason. From infancy he was brought up in a wholesome Christian atmosphere which had a marked influence upon his character and life.

On the 9th day of November, 1920, he was joined in holy wedlock to Myrtle Ovidea Gilbertson from his home community. They established their home near the Sonju home, and here has been spent their short but happy and in many ways blessed marriage life. They had scarcely known the significance of grief or sorrow, or even anxiety until serious sickness came. Even then in strong faith and hope they looked forward to a period of convalescing and returned physical strength. But the will of God was quite otherwise, for his purpose was established that after a period of little more than half a year, through which the Lord would prepare him, the summons would be made for his final call. And the Lord knoweth best. The wound seems terrible, but the consoling ointment of God's grace will heal.

Oscar died on Thursday evening, March 22nd, at 7 o'clock. The cause of his death was leakage of the heart.

Besides his parents and wife, Myrtle Sonju, those of the immediate family who survive the deceased are his two brothers, Melvin and Gustav Conrad. Besides these there is a large circle of friends and acquaintances that mourn and extend their sympathy to the bereaved. May the Lord bless them all and may we all better understand God.

Funeral services were conducted from the home and at the Hannaford Lutheran Church at 2:00 o'clock Monday, March 26th, Rev. Geo. S. Natwick officiating. A large gathering of friends, relatives and acquaintances was present to attend the last solemn rites for the deceased. Special music for the occasion was a solo by Miss Phyllis Schmidt, and a duet by Miss Katherine Rekestad and Miss Hanna Stai. Interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.