

Henry Ludvig Larson

Henry Ludvig Larson, the oldest son of Richard and Marie Larson, died at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., on Thursday, October 10th, 1918, after a brief illness from pneumonia. Ludvig Larson was destined to have only a very short military career. He was drafted and left for camp the first week of September; spent about ten days home on a furlough later in the same month; and immediately upon his return to camp he was taken sick, and on October 10th, he died.

Ludvig Larson was born in the township of Bartley on August, 30th 1895, received his common school education and grew up to manhood in his home community. He acquired a knowledge of general store keeping while working as a clerk for Claus Jackson, and soon afterwards became co-partner with Chas. Elliott in the ownership of the store at Revere, and was still engaged in that business when the call to the colors came.

Not long before leaving for camp he had acquired his partner's interest in the store, and was making plans for continuing the business at the close of the war. In spite of the fact that his military duties interfered so greatly with his business arrangements, he made no complaint. On the contrary, when he was home on his furlough he said to Rev. Thoreson that he was well satisfied with his military work; was glad to do his duty; and was ready to undertake whatever was coming. This showed an admirable spirit, and a willingness to sacrifice his own interests to those of his country, which few men would have been able to do with the same spirit of cheerfulness as Ludvig did. Men of his kind are among a country's best and noblest citizens.

On Thursday, February 14, 1918, at Minot, N. D., he was united in marriage to Amanda Swingen, and undoubtedly the greatest sacrifice he had to make when he answered his country's call was to leave a loving wife and a newly established home. His untimely death comes as a doubly severe shock to his desolated wife.

Near relatives, besides his wife, who live to mourn his death are his father, two brothers, Walter and Lester, and two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Wahl and Hazel Larson.

The remains arrived from the camp Monday and Tuesday impressive funeral services were held in the Lutheran church in this village which had been appropriately decorated with flags for the occasion. Rev. J. C. Wilson read scripture and offered prayer, two selections were rendered by the choir, and Rev. T. Hanson, of Page, delivered a very eloquent and powerful sermon. Interment was made in Eldfjord cemetery, where Rev. P. A. Thoreson spoke briefly and the earthly remains were laid to their final resting place under the solemn rites of the Lutheran church.

Words are vain to assuage the grief of the stricken relatives of this model young man who died at the very zenith of his powers. He heard his country's call, obeyed the voice of duty and his conscience without quibble or questioning, and, with his death, gave to his country "the last full measure of devotion."