

D. Wennerstrom, Former Sheriff, Dies Last Monday

Funeral services for David A. Wennerstrom, 64, of Detroit Lakes Minn., will be held Friday afternoon in the First Lutheran Church of Detroit Lakes, at 2:00 o'clock. He died Monday morning at a Detroit Lakes hospital due to an attack of pneumonia and heart trouble. His health has not been good since he was injured last July in a fall on a church steps while attending a funeral.

Mr. Wennerstrom was born in Ishpeming, Mich., March 24, 1891, and came to Becker County, Minn., in 1894; grew to manhood there and then came to the Hope community where he engaged in farming for a number of years. He was elected sheriff of Steele County, served two terms, which was the limit at that time, and was again elected after his successor had retired. It was during his period as sheriff that he took up the trail of the murderer of Dave Stewart, Hope police chief, and brought Jack Smeltzer to justice.

On returning to Minnesota he became a candidate for sheriff in Becker county and was elected in 1946 and has filled that office since then and has won wide recognition in the state as a capable peace officer.

During his residence in the Hope and Finley communities he took a very active part in all public events for community improvement. He could always be depended upon to do his full share in any assignment given him, and the success of many events were due to his untiring efforts. This community and Steele County will always remember him with gratitude and pride.

Mr. Wennerstrom was united in marriage with Annie Olund Oct. 25, 1911. Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Emil Anderson of Fargo, three brother, Oscar, Victor and Hjalmer of Hope; and three sisters, Miss Jennie Wennerstrom of Landusky, Mont.; Mrs. Mary Nelson, McMinnville, Ore., and Mrs. R. C. Nordstrum of Fargo.