

**Axel F. Helander,
Long-Time Resident
Died On Monday**

Axel F. Helander, 91, long-time resident of Wenona, died suddenly in his home at 5:50 a. m. Monday. (1-26-76)

Visitation was held at the Thierry funeral home Tuesday afternoon and evening. Funeral services were held in St. John's Methodist church at 1:30 yesterday afternoon with the Rev. R. E. Pinder and Deeburn officiating. Miss Blanche Lindgren was organist and Darvin Akridge and Charles Volker sang "In The Garden." Burial was in Wenona cemetery. Pallbearers were Elmer Helander, Russell Helander, Tad Akridge, Einar Helander, Milton Johnson and William Tammeus.

Born in Morlunda, Sweden, Sept. 15, 1878, he was a son of



Carl J. and Lisen (Carlson) Helander. He came to the United States when 18 years of age. He resided for a short time in Chicago before coming to Wenona. He married Electa Mason in Wenona, Feb. 2, 1905 and they have resided in Wenona all their married life. Mr. Helander retired from farming in 1957.

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Surviving is his wife; one son, Ralph, Wenona; three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Frickey, LaGrange; twins, Mrs. Lowell (Vera) Ator, Wenona, and Mrs. Albert (Verda) Barke, Wenona; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Oscar Helander, Wenona.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and its men's organization, the Wenona Chamber of Commerce, and for many years was a member of the Marshall-Putnam Fair Association.

Lunch was served to 13 relatives and friends at the Axel Helander home following the services.

Relatives and friends attending were from Savannah, Georgia, Woodstock, Chicago, LaGrange, Crystal Lake, Rockford, Peoria, Toluca, Streator, Princeton, Rutland, Lostant, El Paso, Washburn, Peru, La Salle, Decatur, Flanagan, Varona, Odell, Dana, Minonk and Wenona.