

Funeral of Willis Briggs is Held at Basswood

Funeral services for Willis Briggs, 86, a resident of Muscoda for many years, former public office holder in the town of Eagle and Muscoda village marshall for many years, were held Wednesday afternoon of last week from the Basswood church with Rev. Stanley Joslin officiating. Burial was in the Basswood cemetery.

Mr. Briggs had been in failing health for the last two years but had made his usual trips up town on Saturday night until about a week ago. He died at his home early Monday morning, November 11th after a brief illness.

Willis Briggs was born in Token Creek, Dane county on June 4, 1860, the son of William and Mary Briggs. In the same year with his parents he came in a covered wagon to Richland county and settled with them on a farm.

In 1880 he was united in marriage to Mary Hardy and to this union were born seven children, Bert, Woodstock, Ill., Bud, Alden, Ill., Beauford and Donnie Muscoda, Roy, Lone Rock, Vernie, Blue River, and Vernal, of Richland Center, all of whom survive.

Mr. Briggs made his home in the town of Eagle where he was up until the time of his death a land owner. In 1917 he moved to the village of Muscoda. He served on the school board and the town board in Eagle and was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.
