

## Harvest Of Death

Gerrit Kerkvliet

After an illness of nearly a month, Gerrit Kerkvliet died at his residence in this city, last Friday of heart trouble, from which he had been a sufferer for several years.

The deceased was at the time of his death, 69 years, 6 months and 4 days old. He was born in Holland and was married to Miss Cornelia Van Egmond in 1871 and to this union was born sixteen children of whom three preceded him to the other shore. He emigrated to America in 1893 and settled in Hull and the following year he settled on a farm near Alvord, moving to his city about two years ago.

The deceased was a man of quiet and retiring disposition in his conviction for what was honest and just. His life was serene and uneventful, but full of good deeds and acts of charity. Such works of mercy as he performed were done without hope of reward in this life, being full of confidence that those who show mercy would be allowed to sit at the throne of grace. He built his own monument by performance of his duties while on this earth that will endure until the end of time.

The funeral was conducted at Holy Name Church Tuesday morning at nine o'clock and solemn High Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Kennedy, the Redemptionist missionary assisted by Rev. Father Dullard as deacon and Rev. Father Cooper as sub deacon. The funeral surmon was delivered by Rev. Father Kennedy and his tribute to the deceased brought consolation to the relatives who mourn his departure to another land. All the beautiful rites of the Catholic Church was bestowed because of the humble Christian life spent in the service of the Divine Master. A large number of friends followed him to the last resting place in the Catholic cemetery.

Besides his devoted wife, the children who survive are Mrs. Charles Lens, Rink Simonsma, Mrs. John Van Anne, Mrs. John Boore, Sister Ferdinand, and Miss Anna and sons Peter, Nicholas, Bernard, John, Arthur, Gerard and Cornelius.

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