

Funeral held for pioneer

WADENA — Funeral services were Jan. 29 in the local United Church for Menzo David Van Patten, 89, one of the district's earliest pioneers, who settled 12 miles east of here in 1903.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. S. Leitch and burial made in Wadena cemetery.

Mr. Van Patten was born in Floyd County, Iowa and lived in Minnesota and North Dakota prior to coming to the district between Kylemore and Kuroki with his wife, his parents and his mother's brother in 1903.

After the railway station was built at Kylemore in 1904, he opened a general store and on June 24, 1910, became its postmaster, a position he held for 47 years.

For a time he was farm instructor for Fishing Lake Indian Reserve. He served three terms as councillor of the Local Improvement District and was instrumental in building Kylemore school and served as trustee for several years.

He was noted in the district for his wood carvings of wildfowl.

Mr. Van Patten is survived by four sons, James, Elfros; Frank and Dave on the home farm, and Dick, Nelson, B.C.; and one daughter Mrs. Chauncey A. Berge, Dawson Creek, B.C.

Obituary for David Van Patten (Aged 89)

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