

RUDOLPH

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The death of Lawrence Akey, at Kansas City, Missouri, Sept. 30th, 1918, due to Spanish Influenza was indeed a shock to our community.

The young man enlisted in the army August 4th, 1918, and was sent to the Sweeney Auto school at Kansas City, Mo. He was promoted to corporal after four weeks of service. Lawrence was an exemplary young man and a Christian, well liked by all who knew him. He was the first soldier of Rudolph to give his life for his country. The funeral was held at the St. Philomena's church, Friday, Oct. 4th. The procession formed at the residence of Peter Akey and consisted of the Firing Squad of Grand Rapids, the Foresters and Boy Scouts of Rudolph, also six flower girls. It was the first auto funeral Rudolph has ever had. There was the hearse and fifty-two autos and twenty horse carriages in the rear. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Rev. P. J. Wagner sang the high mass of Requiem and gave a very touching and patriotic sermon. While the remains were being carried out of the church Mrs. Kujawa accompanied by her daughter, Mary, sang "Nearer My God To Thee." He leaves to mourn his death, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Akey, and three sisters, Mrs. Elsie De Long of Edgar, Mrs. Louise De Byle of Rudolph, Mrs. Gertrude Collins of Minneapolis, and one little brother, Howard, of Rudolph. The deceased will be sadly missed by his many friends who extend sympathy to the sorrowing relatives in the hour of their bereavement.

It is sad that one we cherish,
Should be taken from our home,
But the joys that do not perish
Live in memory alone.
Dear Lawrence you have left us,
Left us, yes, forever more,
But we hope, to meet our loved one
On that bright and happy shore.

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