

## B. J. Wagner, Linton, Dies Suddenly at 69

LINTON — Balzer J. Wagner, 69, Linton, died Wednesday at 10:10 a.m., at his home, of an unexpected heart attack.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday from St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The Rev. Samuel Homsey will officiate and burial will be made in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Mr. Wagner was born in Krasna, South Russia, Sept. 29, 1896, and came to Emmons County in 1909. He was first a carpenter, then began farming. He married Josephine Lipp, Oct. 19, 1920, at Linton.

She survives, at home, as do seven sons, Jack, Andrew, Pius and Edward, all of Linton; Peter, Spokane, Wash.; Reuben, Grand Forks, and William, Bismarck; two daughters, Mrs. Henry (Luella) Melhoff, Garrison, and Miss Bernadette Wagner, Grand Forks; 22 grandchildren; three brothers, Simon, Strasburg, Max, Kellogg, Idaho, and Peter, Aberdeen, S.D., and three sisters, Miss Margaret Wagner, Bismarck, and Mrs. John (Otilla) Deck and Mrs. Peter (Irene) Deck, both of Harvey.

The Kraft Funeral Home, Linton, has charge of arrangements. The rosary will be said there by family and friends at 8 p.m., both Thursday and Friday.

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