

**JOHN GOTTMAN SR.  
RITES JANUARY 13**

John Henry, son of Andrew and Louisa ne Knittle Gottman, was born in Marion County, Mo., on March 5, 1874. He passed away at his home several miles northeast of Queen City after a long illness, January 10, 1957 at the age of 81 years, 10 months and 5 days.

He was united in holy marriage to Mary Schmitter of the Germania community on March 29, 1908. This union was blessed with six children. They lived on the farm about a mile north of St. John's Lutheran Church. They retired several years ago and their son John Junior took over the farm work and they lived in with John and his wife Goldy.

He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran church and he held ti this faith. He loved his home and was a good husband and father. He suffered a great deal for the past several months and was bedfast most of the time.

He is survived by his wife Mary, three sons Hadley, Harold and John Jr. who all live near his home, a daughter Freda Baker of Kenross, Ia., one brother Victor of Richland, Ia; two sisters Mrs. Katie Lundstrom and Mary Gardine of Ellensburg, Wash., five grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by one son, one daughter and a brother William.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:00 p.m., January 13th at St. John's Lutheran Church. The burial was in the Germania-Fabius cemetery.

His pastor, A. O. Althafer officiated at these services.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

We are also grateful for the floral tribute.

Special thanks to the St. John's Ladies Aid for the food and help.

The Gottman Family  
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