

Alton T Runyon, 79, Bluffton, a native of Linn Grove, died at 1:15 a.m. Thursday at Ossian Health Care Center.

He was born June 11, 1904, the son of Forrest and Mahala Rohn-Runyon. In 1912 he went with his parents to Southey, Saskatchewan, Canada, as homesteaders. They purchased 160 acres, built a house, and were wheat farmers there. Alton Runyon lived there 29 years. His first wife, Stella Solle, died in 1939 and was buried there. His second wife, Opal Bates, died in 1955.

He retired in 1968 after 25 of service with the General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the IOOF in Bluffton.

Survivors include a son, Floyd, Bluffton; a daughter, Mrs. Earl (Vivian) Andrews, route 2, Bluffton; two sisters, Mrs William (Roberta) Wooley, Regina, Saskatchewan, and Mrs. Maloa Parrish, Muncie; eight grandchidren; and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at the Thoma-Rich Funeral Home, Bluffton where services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Rev. Louis Haskell officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Linn Grove.

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