A pioneer Duchess resident, Marcus Arelius Adams died at Duchess, Alberta on October 5, 1984 at the age of 89 years.

He was born at Everest, Kansas, USA and immigrated to Canada in the spring of 1916 to Duchess where he farmed through the Canadian Colonization Plan on one of the CPR parcels. He moved to Fort Saskatchewan in 1919 and farmed there until returning to Kansas in 1922. He returned to Duchess in September 1923 and continued to farm until a few years ago. He moved to Calgary in 1954 and to Brooks in 1955 and to the Village of Duchess in 1966 and during this time continued to farm.

He was a charter member of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Surviving are his wife, Rosa of Duchess; five daughters, Mrs. Helen Kraus of Duchess, Beatrice and her husband Pat Garrow of Calgary, Mrs. Jean Bruce of Edmonton, Rosemaree and her husband, Norman Holden of Calgary, Maryln and her husband Philip Maier of Fort St. John, B.C.; three sons, Kenneth and his wife, Charlotte of Calgary, Lawrence and his wife Nancy of Duchess, Richard and his wife, Gilda of Ashland, Massachusetts; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Ramona of California, Lillian of Hiawatha, Kansas, Ethel of Everest, Kansas and Ruth Kansas City, Kansas; two brothers, Lawrence and Walter of Everest, Kansas and one niece.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. in Smith Memorial Chapel with the Reverend Clarence Ramer officiating. Interment will follow in the Duchess Cemetery. Pallbearers are Jerry Adams, Jack Adams, Tom Adams, Lee Swartz, Alvin Maier and Charles Bruce.

If friends desire, memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Society or to the charity of their choice.