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## **DESMOND FUNERAL IS HELD**

PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TURNS OUT TO SHOW THEIR RESPECT FOR OLAD AND MUCH RESPECTED CITIZEN.

The funeral of Thos. Desmond, the old and highly respected Madera county resident who met his sad end last Monday evening, was held this morning from the residence south-west of Madera and at the Catholic church. It was one of the largest funerals held here recently, and practically the entire community turned out to pay their final respects to the memory of a dear old man.

A short service was held at the family residence a 9 o'clock when the remains were viewed for the last time. The remains were taken to the Catholic church where the regular Catholic service was held. The main portion of the service was conducted by Rev. Father Thos. King while the sermon was preached by Father Phillips of Fresno. The sermon was an appeal to the living to remember the souls of the dead on the claim that there are few that pass out of this world who are given admittance to the Kingdom of Heaven. He urged that we remember the souls of the dead in our prayers and that they be kept in our thoughts. He said that it is too often the case that our sadness and tears caused by the death of a loved one are soon forgotten and the souls of the dead are left to struggle alone for their admittance to the presence of God. There was nothing

in the sermon that touched directly upon the life or personality of the deceased.

Following the services the casket bearing the remains were carried out of the church followed by the heart-broken relatives and friends, and the procession started for the Calvary cemetery where the remains of Uncle Tom Desmond, were laid to everlasting rest.

The pall bearers today were F. J. McCrossen, T. P. Cosgrave, Chas. Kegel, Connell Breslin and James and Robert Butler.

Out of respect for Edwin Desmond, who is a member of the local high school, the school was dismissed for an hour this morning in order that all of the student[s] might attend the funeral. The Cadet Boys all marched to the church in a body.