

# Mindeord over Søren Valdemar "Walter" Feldt.

Feldt Dies Of A Heart Attack

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Once Dined With Danish Royalty

Walter S. Feldt, 81, 23 S. Linden Ave. died Thursday at his home following a heart attack.

Mrs. Feldt was born in Aalborg, Denmark. He came to this country in 1902, settling first at Blair, Neb. He had resided in Council Bluffs 55 years.

He retired in 1954 as head linen buyer for the Brandeis store in Omaha.

In October of 1960, Mr. Feldt dined at the same table with King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid of his native Denmark at a banquet held in Omaha.

Mrs. Feldt died in 1959.

Various Affiliations---

Mr. Feldt was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, a 50 year member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge at Blair and a member of Excelsior Lodge 250, AM&AM.

Retired Business Man Travels and Takes Memories Along

When a man retires at 76 he may indulge in memories or travels.

Walter S. Feldt likes to travel, so he lugs his memories along.

He has established a base of operations in his home, 880 Simms Ave. From there he and his wife range far and wide.

"Yeah, we just got back from California and Utah," he said, "but we've got other plans"

Mr. Feld has a generous "clientele" of friends around the country. He has waited on most of them.

For 50-odd years, he was head of the linens section of a major Omaha department store. You meet a lot of people that way.

And he possesses a vivid recollection of the "old days." He shares these memories whenever he meets a "customer."

He also has an eye on the future.

"We're going down to Florida pretty soon," he said. "There's some land I want to buy, but I want to look it over."

Other memories will be renewed next year, he explained, "when a bunch of us go back to Denmark."

He left Denmark in 1902, although he had a good job in his family's dry goods store. Why did he leave?

"Adventure, what else?"

But his fondest memory of Denmark originated in Omaha. In 1940, he met the present Danish King Frederik IX.

"He was Crown Prince Frederik then," said Mr. Feldt, "and he was touring the United States with Princess Ingrid.

"There was quite a banquet for him, of course, what with all the Danes around Omaha. It was very crowded.

Well I just told a friend to wait for me outside. I walked into the hall, and a policeman stopped me. He asked where I was going.

I asked him if he didn't have eyes. I was going to the banquet. It was obvious.

"Yeah, he said, "that's what I'm here for, to keep out crazy people like you. But I did get in."

He was introduced to the royal family by a lady-in-waiting. He mentioned the Copenhagen store, Royalty shopped there, said Mr. Feldt.

"In fact the Prince told me, and we chatted for about an hour, that I was the only fellow on the trip whose family he knew.

Mr. Feldt will tell that one to his young cousins in Denmark.