

PECK, David Everest

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Obituaries

DAVID EVEREST PECK

Last rites were held at the Methodist Church at 2:00 P. M. on Friday, March 19th, for David Everest Peck, who passed away at 3:00 P. M. on Monday, March 15th, at the Viborg Hospital at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 25 days. The Viborg Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Rev. Rodney Gist officiated at the service. Two hymns, "Ivory Palaces" and "Beyond the Sunset", were sung by a mixed quartet from the Methodist Church Choir. Pallbearers were H. C. Cramer and Jacob Boomgaarden of Davis, Harm Arends of Canistota, Junior Drake of Lennox, Wesley Arends of Alcester and Wendell Arends of Beresford, all nephews of the deceased. Interment was at Bethania cemetery, after which, relatives and friends were served refreshments in the church basement by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mr. Peck was born March 26, 1877, in Shell Rock, Iowa. His formal education ended when he finished the 8th grade, but he loved to read and studied quite a good deal in his spare time, thus becoming well enough educated to participate actively in some affairs of the community. He liked to take part in local plays and occasionally he wrote editorials for the Daily Argus Leader of Sioux Falls.

He was married to Johanna Arends on March 24, 1910, and to this union four children were born: Henry Clemens, who died at the age of five, George Wessel, Katharine Lucy and Johanna Isabel.

As a young man, Mr. Peck began farming near Lebanon, South Dakota, but he quit this to work in a lumber yard. Later, he and his family moved to Davis, S. Dak., and Mr. Peck was employed in the lumber yard there. But eventually he changed jobs and began working on the railroad and he continued with this job after moving to Viborg where he and his wife have been ever since.

One brother, Charles, and three sisters, Lesnie, Gladys and Helina, preceded him in death. He is survived by his widow, Johanna, three children, George, Cathrine (Mrs. Roy Fredricks), and Johanna (Mrs. Kermit Christiansen), all of San Jose, Calif., one brother, Clement, of Huron, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Peck was a lover of nature and a lover of books. He leaves by his parting a message of patience and forbearance in all things to all men.