

PETERSON, Esther Verna (Nowstrup)

December 3, 1899
Spring Valley Township
November 28, 1939
Proctor, Minnesota

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MRS. JAMES PETERSON

Mrs. James Peterson was born December 3, 1899, in the Spring Valley community, Hurley, South Dakota. She died November 28, 1939, at her home in Proctor, Minnesota, and as such died in the prime of her womanhood being only 40 years, 11 months and 25 days of age, but her influence in the various communities where she has lived will long remain as a bright and shining light to those who knew her best.

Mrs. Peterson was born on the old home farm near the Spring Valley Baptist church where she grew to womanhood in one of the fine christian homes in this community, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Nowstrup, who donated the land that this church is built upon. In the year 1917 Esther Verna Nowstrup was joined in marriage to Mr. James Peterson and they resided in this community until 1927 when they moved to Valley Springs, South Dakota, where they remained till 1934 at which time they moved to Floodwood, Minnesota, but here they remained only one year after which they moved to the present home in Proctor, Minnesota.

To this union were born three children: Everett, Vaughn and Olive. They are all as yet making their home with their parents in Proctor.

Mrs. Peterson was a lady of beautiful character and fine traits and was highly esteemed by all that she came in contact with and her high esteem is well expressed here today by the presence of this vast gathering and this enormous

floral display in her memory and to her honor and for the nearly one year that Mrs. Peterson was confined to her home and bed before she died her home was always full of fragrant flowers brought by kind friends and loved ones.

Mrs. Peterson leaves to mourn her passing her much loved and faithful husband, her previous mentioned three children who all miss her love and motherly care. And beside those in her home she leaves three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. James Thompson of Hurley; Mrs. Fred Peterson of Viborg; Mr. Balsor Christensen of Proctor, Minn.; Mr. Einer Nowstrup of Parker; and Mr. Fred Nowstrup of Hurley. And besides these many nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends who today join each other in paying tribute to one who was dearly loved and whose memory will long linger with us as that of a flower that was picked in mid-summer.

May God bless her memory and help us all to prepare to meet her in glory.