

HANSEN, Bertha Marie (Christensen)

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### Mrs. J. M. Hansen Dead.

Our little town was shocked last Monday afternoon when it was announced that Mrs. Jorgen Hansen was dead. No one knew that she was sick and those in the family did not realize that the end was so near. Mrs. Hansen had been troubled the last few days with rheumatism and the last day it settled in her chest. A physician was called and he advised her to stay in bed that day. About 3 p. m. on Monday she gasped for breath; her husband who was sitting by her side ran for a physician but before they returned her spirit had departed.

Mrs. Hansen was a lady of a christian character, loved and honored by all who knew her. She was of a very unselfish nature and was always looking after the interest and welfare of those around her, and was always ready to administer to those in need. Many are the kind words that are spoken of her by her multitude of friends of her past and meritorious life. That something inspired her that the end was near, whether she was conscious of the fact or not, is shown by the fact that only last Saturday, two days before she died, she visited in the homes of her three daughters who live in town

and spoke to them of cheer and hope. She always visited with them but never before did she make them all a call the same day.

That she was loved and respected was shown by the number of friends that attended the funeral. A short prayer was offered at the house when the funeral procession started for the Methodist church where Rev. O. Nelsen spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. He told them not to weep as those that have no hope, as those that die in Christ will have everlasting life. Mr. N. C. Jensen, of the Advent church made a few appropriate remarks on the life of the deceased and told of her sterling character.

Bertha Marie Christensen-Hansen was born in Viborg sogn, Denmark, November 16, 1831. She was married to Jorgen M. Hansen November 27, 1857; immigrated to this country with her husband and family in 1872 and settled on a homestead where, with the exception of a few months at Hurley, they have lived until five weeks ago when they moved to town.

She was the mother of 11 children, seven of whom are yet living and were present at the funeral with the exception of her youngest son, Tenus, who is now in the South Dakota regiment at Manila. She was grandmother of 28 grandchildren all of whom are living.

Dear as thou wert, and justly dear,  
We would not weep for thee;  
One thought shall check the starting tear;  
— From sorrow thou art free.

And thus shall Faith's consoling power  
The tears of love restrain,  
Oh, who in this solemn hour  
Could wish thee back again?

Angels shall guard thy sleeping dust,  
And, as thy Saviour rose;  
The grave again shall yield her trust,  
And end thy deep repose.

Thy Lord, before to glory gone,  
Shall bid thee come away;  
And calm and bright shall break the dawn  
Of heaven's eternal day.

### To Our Friends.

We cannot adequately express our appreciation for the kindness and affection exhibited toward us during our bereavement caused by the unexpected death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. J. M. Hansen. They will never know how much their ministrations lightened our load of sorrow, and we can feebly indicate it. For all of these manifestations we are inexpressibly grateful. Very respectfully,

J. M. HANSEN and Children.