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Obituaries

Mrs. Otto G. Nelsen

Stefane Loretta Menholt was born in Bjergby, Denmark, on December 26th, 1868, and died on March 12th, 1939, at the age of 69 years, 2 months and 13 days.

Leaving her native land, she came to America when she was 15 years of age and lived at Black Diamond and Sacramento, California, here she attended school.

In 1894 she was united in marriage to John Hjelm. They went into business at Center Point establishing the first General Merchandise store there and post office in which she was postmistress.

In 1898 they took a trip to Denmark having taken two trips previous to this. They remained there a year then came back to South Dakota, this time they moved out west where they had a ranch near Lower Brule Indian reservation. They were there three years then came to Viborg, South Dakota where they again started business in a General Merchandise store.

To this union six children were born. One daughter, Maria, preceded her mother in death.

In 1914 she was united in marriage to Otto G. Nelsen. They farmed near Marion, South Dakota in which vicinity they lived until three years ago when they moved to Viborg, South Dakota.

She had been in poor health for a number of years. Within the last three years she had submitted to three operations. She was very patient in her suffering and all that loving hands could do for her was of no avail.

She was a dear devoted mother always sacrificing to help her children, never thinking of her own comforts. Her greatest joy was in always having her children about her, who keenly feel their loss.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Conference church, and was very faithful in her belief, finding great comfort in prayer and in her Bible which she had read through many times.

Three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death namely, Anna Menholt, Mrs. Elisa Tygeson, Mrs. Petrea Christensen, Ebbeson Menholt and Fred Menholt.

Those who mourn her death are her husband and five children: Andrew, John, William, Marce and Miriam, all of Viborg; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Fawrup, of Los Angeles, California and Andrea Menholt, of Denmark; one brother, Peter Menholt, of Powers Lake, North Dakota; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Hjelm, and one grandchild, Donavan Hjelm; also a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the home of her son, William, and at the First Baptist church at Viborg, South Dakota on March 15th Elder A. V. Rhoads of Watertown officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Anderson sang three beautiful hymns, "There's No Disappointment in Heaven," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Rock of Ages," which were her favorites. Burial

took place in the family lot in the Bethany cemetery.

The pall bearers were six nephews, Alvin and Menholt Christensen, Harvey and Adolph Menholt, Lee Sherman and Frank Richert.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our relatives, neighbors and friends for all their kind acts and deeds rendered during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother. Also for the beautiful floral offerings and the Baptist congregation for so kindly lending their church.

Otto G. Nelsen

Marce Nelsen

Miriam Nelsen

John Hjelm

Andrew Hjelm

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hjelm,
and Donavan Dale.