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Services Held For Johanne Pedersen

Mette Johanne Marie Jensen was born one of fifteen children to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Jensen in Denmark on February 7, 1901. Here she grew through childhood to adulthood and was married to Jens Carl Dam in October 30, 1922. They came to America the following year and settled in the Centerville-Viborg area on a farm. Later they moved into the city of Centerville, and in 1943 to Yankton, S. D. To this union three daughters were born.

Carl passed from this life on December 18, 1960. Following his death Johanne made her home with her three children, until she secured a position as house mother to student nurses in Clarinda, Ia., and she remained there until her retirement. She returned to Viborg and took care of her brother Chris until his death.

On June 11, 1971 she was united in marriage to Martin Pedersen at Canton, S. D. The Pedersens made their home in Viborg, until Martin's death in August of 1980. She became a resident at Ronning Apartments and remained there until she entered Pioneer Memorial Hospital in January, where she passed from this life on Sunday, March 3, 1985. She had attained the age of 84 years and 24 days.

While living in Yankton, she and Carl joined the fellowship of the Nazarene Church. Later she was a member of the Church at Clarinda and then at Viborg at the time of her passing.

She leaves to mourn her passing today her three daughters, Anna, Mrs. Ken Knutsen of Brainard, Minn., Mary Ann, Mrs. Wayne Rager of Madison, S. D., and Joyce, Mrs. Ben Suga of Yankton, S. D. Also, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers and sisters, her husbands Carl Dam and Martin Pedersen, and one grandson, Douglas Knutsen and one granddaughter, Carol Suga.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 9, 1985 at the Nazarene Church, Viborg. Rev. Melvin Carlson officiating. Pianist, Mr. Les Suga, and special music by Miss Ruth Thompson. Pallbearers were David, Dan and Tom Rager, Diane Carlson, Pam Gromick and Greg Knutson. Internment in the Riverview cemetery, Centerville, S. D.
