

&PETERSEN, Lawrence

Born: June 9, 1865

Denmark

Died: July 23, 1920

Turkey Valley Township

Viborg Enterprise - July 29, 1920

LAWRENCE PETERSEN GOES TO HIS REWARD

Dies From Heart Failure While in
the Hay Field Loading May—
Shock to Entire Commu-
nity

Lawrence Petersen was born on June 9th, 1865, in Taarsogn Vensyssel, Denmark, and died at his home in Turkey Valley on Friday, July 23rd, 1920, and was at the time of his death 55 years, 1 month and 14 days old.

Mr. Petersen came to this country in the year of 1878, being then 13 years of age. He was converted by faith to the living God at the age of 21. About two years later he became a member of the Daneville Baptist church, now Viborg.

On August 13th, 1890 he was married to Miss Martine Jensen. This wedlock was blessed with four children, Stanley, Hardy, Elnora and Melvin.

He came to Yankton county in 1888 where he purchased a farm upon which he resided until the day of his death. He became a member of the Turkey Valley Baptist church, at the time of its organization, of which he was a faithful and sincere worker until God promoted him to the bigger and more glorious home above.

Besides his dear wife and four children he leaves to mourn his departure his aged mother and her husband, Chris Nelsen, six sisters and one brother: Inge Marie Petersen, Matilda Jespersen, Jensine Jensen and Laura Jensen all in Denmark; Nels Petersen, of White Earth, N. D.; Minnie Nelsen, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Elnora Petersen, of Comertown, Mont., and a countless host of friends.

His death which was caused by heart failure was a very great shock to all. Only 30 minutes previous to his death he had been in the house for afternoon lunch and seemed to feel so content and so well. Then he and the youngest son, Melvin, drove out to the field to get a load of hay. Mr. Petersen stayed on the wagon. After they had fairly gotten started he said to Melvin, "You will have to wait awhile. I can't do anymore." (There were his last words) Melvin looked up at him and saw he was in much pain, then he ran to call Stanley, the oldest son, who was harvesting grain nearby. When Stanley came he worked with him and did all for him that he knew and was able to do, but the father was so near gone that he died within a few minutes.

This truly reminds us of how uncertain this life is and how important and valuable it is to be prepared to meet God when he calls the roll, for no one knows who is next on the list.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, July 25th, at 2:00 o'clock at the home and later at the Baptist church. His remains were laid to rest in the church cemetery. Rev. L. E. Petersen assisted by Rev. H. M. Andersen officiated. A large number of sympathetic friends attended the services.

May God through his infinite mercy cheer and help the bereaved to bear their grief for he alone can help at such a time as this.—Contributed.

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned wish to express our hearty thanks to our many friends for their help and sympathy in this trying hour of the death of our beloved husband and father, and also for the beautiful floral offering.

Mrs. Lawrence Petersen
Stanley Petersen
Hardy Petersen
Elnora Petersen
Melvin Petersen