

FLETCHER, Mrs. Samuel C. (maiden name - Swenson)

August 24, 1874

Denmark

April 28, 1920

near Irene, South Dakota

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MRS. FLETCHER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Samuel Clark Fletcher, who was born at Hjorring, Denmark, August 12th, 1874, died last week, April 28th at her home near Irene, surrounded by her husband and children. She reached the age of 45 years, 8 months and 16 days.

A year ago last December she was taken sick with the Spanish Influenza, from which she never fully recovered. During the past winter she suffered much, and longed for the time, when she could depart from the land of suffering and sorrow. But while she longed to go, there were many things to tie her affection to this life, such as the welfare of her children, and this caused her no little concern, but from the time when her oldest daughter Sarah and her husband Paul Nelson promised to care for the three youngest children, she felt greatly relieved, and from that time on felt ready to go.

A year ago last December, when she took sick during the flu epidemic, her son, Lee Sherwood, also took sick and died December 31st, 1918, then last summer their home burned down, thus one disappointment seemed to pile on top of the other and made the chances for her recovery more hopeless. But now we are encouraged by the hope that as her weary body has found rest, her soul has also found that rest, which remaineth for the people of God.

Mrs. Fletcher came to America with her parents when 7 years old. They settled on a homestead where they lived until her marriage with Samuel Clark Fletcher, when she moved with her husband to a farm 4 miles west of Viborg. Here they lived until 4 years ago, when they moved to a farm 1 mile west of Irene, where they have resided since.

Those who survive to mourn her departure are her husband, six children: Mrs. Paul Nelson, Earl Clark, 18 years old; Frances Clara, 15; Howard Arthur, 12; Evelyn Lucille, 9; and Doris Burnice, 6. Two children, Lee Sherwood and Walter Vale, have preceded their mother to the land beyond. She is also survived by four brothers: Walter, Martin and Arthur Swenson, of near Irene, and Raymond Swenson, of Viborg, and three sisters: Mrs. Mary Wright, of Denver Colo., Mrs. Sina Dickerson, of Reigan, Neb., and Minnie Nelson, of Strandburg, S. D.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon May 2nd at 12:30 from the home, where a large number of sympathizing relatives, friends and neighbors were gathered.

At about one o'clock the funeral procession, which numbered about 30 cars started for Viborg and gathered at the Methodist Church which was filled to its capacity.

The Rev. W. R. Nordos, of the Methodist church and Rev. Petersen of the Turkey Baptist church preached, and interment took place in the Baptist cemetery east of town, where the body now rests by the side of the two sons.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, and also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Sam C. Fletcher
Earl
Frances
Howard
Evelyn
Bernice
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson