

OLSEN, Emma Elizabeth (Goodhope)

Born: January 17, 1881
northwest of Viborg
Died: November 25, 1923
Sioux Falls

Viborg Enterprise - November 28, 1923
December 5, 1923

**MRS. M. V. OLSEN
PASSED AWAY**

Died at Hospital Last Sunday Morning—Ill Short Time

This community was greatly shocked last Sunday morning when the news was spread that Mrs. Martin V. Olsen had passed away at a hospital in Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Olsen had been ill for a time and last week an ambulance came down from Sioux Falls to take her to the hospital, but no one thought that the end was so near.

The funeral services are being held this afternoon, from the home and all business places remained closed during the funeral.

A full obituary will be printed in the Enterprise next week.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family in their sorrow.

**MRS. MARTIN V.
OLSEN LAID TO REST
LAST WEDNESDAY**

**All Business Suspended for
Two Hours During
Services**

**WAS HIGHLY
RESPECTED**

**Laid to Rest at Baptist Cemetery East of Viborg
Wednesday**

Last Wednesday afternoon between 1:00 and 3:00 o'clock all of the business places in town were closed on account of the funeral services of Mrs. Martin Olsen, conducted both from the home and from the First Baptist Church, its pastor, Rev. I. Fredmund, officiating, assisted by Rev. H. M. Anderson and Dr. C. E. Peters. There was an abundance of floral tributes and a large number of the people expressed their sympathy by attending the services at the church where all seating capacity available was occupied. Following program was carried out in the church:

Prelude
Selection.....The Choir
Scripture Reading.....Dr. C. E. Peters
Prayer.....Rev. H. M. Anderson
Sermon.....Rev. I. Fredmund
Selection.....The Choir
Sermon in Danish.....Rev. H. M. Anderson
Obituary and address.....Dr. C. E. Peters
Selection.....The Choir
Closing Prayer.....Prof Boughten,
Pres. of Sioux Falls College
Postlude

It was a very impressive service. The interment was made at the Baptist cemetery, where a brief service was held by President Boughten, Dr. C. E. Peters and Rev. I. Fredmund. A large number also went to the cemetery and attended the service.

The community has lost a fine Christian woman in the passing away of Mrs. M. V. Olsen. Much sympathy goes out to Mr. Olsen, our esteemed mayor.

The obituary given by Dr. Peters follows:

The community was greatly shocked Sunday morning Nov. 25th. when the news came that Mrs. M. V. Olsen had passed away at the hospital at Sioux Falls. While it had been generally known that she was in poor health, scarcely any had a thought that her ailment was of so serious a nature. It was believed by most that she had gone to the hospital to secure more scientific treatment and thus to gain a more speedy recovery. Doubtless such were the hopes of her family and of her intimate friends. But this was not to be. Exhausted by the serious disease her gentle spirit forsook its earthly tenement to be with that master whom she loved so well and so faithfully served.

Emma Elisabeth Olsen was born Jan. 17th, 1881 on the old Goodhope homestead some miles west of Viborg. She was the daughter of C. S. and Dorathea Goodhope and was the youngest of nine children. She lived at home practically all the time until her marriage to M. V. Olsen. This took place on Nov. 26th, 1901 with the Rev. H. M. Andersen officiating. To this union which was one of extraordinary felicity and happiness, there were born two children: Lauris, aged twenty who is at the present time a Junior in Sioux Falls College, and in the year 1914 a baby girl, who died in extreme infancy. She was deeply devoted to her family and was a woman of rightmindedness and good will. This was manifested both by her constant ministry in her home and by the loving service which she rendered her aged parents during the period of their utmost decline. As both her father and mother were approaching the great divide they found in her home and at her hands the most tender and sacrificial care. Little did she dream as the doors of her home opened for their loved forms to pass that she was soon to follow. But now she has gone and those parents, to whom she must always have been "the little girl," has her with them once more. Two sisters, Minnie Kier and Martina Goodhope were also waiting on the other side. She has not gone to be with strangers.

On this side there still remain one sister: Mrs. Geo. Downing of Coun-

cil Grove, Kansas, and five brothers: Soren Goodhope of Hurley, S. D., Tom Goodhope of Sioux Falls, and Chris, Andrew and Daniel Goodhope, all of Viborg and vicinity. There is also the husband M. V. Olsen, the mayor of this city and the son Lauris Olsen attending College at Sioux Falls. To all of these go the tenderest sympathy of the entire community. May the great Comforter ease their burdened hearts in these the days of their great sorrow.

Mrs. Olsen united with the Baptist Church of Viborg while it was yet located in the country some miles to the southeast of the city. She entered this fellowship in the year 1905. She has during these years been a faithful, sincere and intelligent christian. She was very gentle with her fellows and kindly and forbearing in her judgement of them. Having been for more than six years her pastor, the writer of these lines is not unacquainted with her gentle nature. He always felt in her a kindly friend and always entertained for her the highest esteem. Never once did he knock at her door but that he met a most gracious manner and a smiling face.

About four weeks ago he saw her for the last time as he held a seat just back of her in church. She looked weak and pale but the smile was there. That smile, the sunny in-

dex to her heart, will now receive its answer from the masters face.

The funeral took place from the home in Viborg, Wednesday, Nov. 28th, at one P. M., with the services at the Baptist Church. The interment was at the Baptist cemetery. Rev. I. Fredmund officiating, assisted by Rev. H. M. Anderson and Dr. C. E. Peters.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for the kindly sympathy which they manifested during the illness and passing of our dear wife and mother. We also deeply appreciate the courteous sympathy which the business men showed in closing their places of business during the period of the funeral services. We are also truly grateful for the many beautiful floral offerings which were made.

Sincerely

Martin V. Olsen

Lauris Olsen