

PETERSON, Jens P.

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October 14, 1953  
Viborg

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## Last Rites For J. P. Peterson Held Sunday

### JENS P. PETERSON

Funeral services for Jens P. Peterson, a pioneer resident of this community, were held at the Seventh Day Advent Church in Hurley on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18th, with the Rev. Elder Adam Rudy officiating. Music was by the Seventh Day Advent Quartet. Pallbearers were six sons, Jimmie, Ralph, Arthur, Wendell, Mervin and Melvin Peterson. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery. The Viborg Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jens P. Peterson was born in Denmark on March 24, 1866, and passed away quietly at the Viborg Hospital on October 14, 1953, at the age of 87 years, 6 months, and 20 days.

At the age of seven, he came with his parents to the United States and settled a few miles from where the City of Viborg was built. In 1888, he was united in marriage to Trina Jensen, and twelve children were born to this union. They made their home on a farm northwest of Viborg, and he lived in this vicinity until the death of his wife in 1941. He continued farming operations until 1947 when he retired and moved to the city of Viborg, and then he spent the remaining years with his children. He spent his life as a farmer and an extensive cattle feeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson enjoyed 53 years of married life together, having celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1938.

He was very active throughout his entire life until he became ill in August of 1951. During the last few years of his life his hearing and sight were both impaired. The last few months of his life, he was confined to bed. But through it all he remained cheerful and was easily cared for.

He is survived by eight children: Arthur and Wendell Peterson of Stockholm, S. D., Effie (Mrs. Ernest Christensen), Melvin and Ralph Peterson of Viborg, Mayme (Mrs. Harry Thompson) of Hurley, S. D., and Mervin and Jimmie Peterson of Centerville, S. D., 19 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and a host of friends. His wife and son, Walter, and three infant children having preceded him in death.

Mr. Peterson's life was successful and he was a good friend and neighbor. May the Lord comfort those who mourn his passing.