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OBITUARY OF REV. TH. JERSILD PASS- ED AWAY MAR. 12

Was Formerly Pastor of
Lutheran Church in
This City

WIDOW AND TEN
CHILDREN LIVING

Funeral Services Held on
Tuesday, March 15,
From Home

Funeral services for the Rev. Thomas Nielsen Jersild, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Atlantic, Iowa, who died suddenly following a heart attack at 3:15 Saturday afternoon, March 12, at his home were held Tuesday, March 15. Services were first held at the Roland, Peacock and Baxter funeral home, Atlantic, Iowa, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, where Rev. V. C. Menges of Sioux City, Iowa, delivered the sermon and a male quartet sang the beautiful hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God To Thee." Following these services his body was taken to Elk Horn, Iowa, where services were held in the Elk Horn Lutheran church at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. P. S. Vig, D. D., of Blair, Nebr., delivered the funeral sermon. Rev. A. V. Neve, chairman of the Iowa District, of Beresford, S. D., spoke in behalf of the district and Rev. H. L. Jensen of Kimbaton, Iowa, spoke in behalf of the church at large. Rev. Videbeck, pastor of the Elk Horn church, conducted the services. The choir of the Elk Horn church sang several beautiful selections. Rev. Justesen of Shelby, Iowa, sang a solo. A processional of twelve pastors dressed in their ministerial gowns led the body to its last resting place which was the Elk Horn cemetery, where interment was made.

Rev. Jersild was instructing a confirmation class at his home when stricken Saturday afternoon, March 12, and died instantly. He had been suffering with heart disease for some time. His sudden death was a shock to his many friends in this vicinity as well as to members of his church throughout the United States, as he had been active and prominent in church circles. He was chairman of the board of charities of the United Danish Lutheran church.

Rev. and Mrs. Jersild had recently returned from a visit to Denmark, their native home.

He was born at Jylland, Denmark, April 5, 1865, the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Christian Nielsen. He came to America when a young man and was married to Miss Anna Biile at Neenah, Wis., May 1, 1894. He lived at Greenville, Mich., for four years, and at Waupaca, Wis., for four years, later coming to Elk Horn, Iowa, where he and his family lived for eleven years.

Upon leaving Elk Horn the family lived at Viborg, S. D., for eight years, coming to Atlantic, Iowa, five and one-half years ago, where they have since made their home.

Rev. Jersild had been in the ministry 34 years.

He is survived by his widow and ten children, all of whom with the exception of one were present at the funeral services. The children are: Mrs. Viggo Rasmussen and Rev. Hans Jersild, of Viborg, S. D.; Marvin Jersild, an attorney in Chicago; Mrs. Arthur Simonsen of Kimbaton, Iowa; Adolph, employed with the Northern Trust Co., at Chicago; Arthur, student instructor at Columbia University, New York; Gerhart, a sophomore student at the University of Nebraska; and the Misses Rose, Edna and Esther, at home. Three brothers who live in this country, and three sisters who live in Denmark, also survive.—Contributed.