BJERKAAS, Emma (Lokken)

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Obituaries

MRS. OLE BJERKAAS

Last rites were held on Monday, August 18th, for Mrs. Ole Bjerkaas who passed away the previous Thursday. A short service was held at the home before the services at the Meldal Lutheran church.

Rev. I. J. Lovseth officiated. Raymond Bak was soloist, with Mrs. Melvin Bak accompanist, and organist.

Interment was in the church cemetery, with Clarence Lokken, Oscar Lokken, Chester Lokken, Severen Mellem, Oliver Husby and Arnt Knutson as pallbearers. The Hansen Funeral Home of Irene was in charge of arrangements.

The following life history was read at the church.

Emma, daughter of Ole and Gertrude Fagerhaug Lokken, was born in Apdal Sondre, Norway, November 25, 1875.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

She came with her parents direct from Norway to Yankton County, August 10, 1881.

She was married to John Eli in the year 1899 and to this union seven children were born. Two died in infancy. One daughter, Signe, died at the age of 33.

Her husband, John, died in the year 1910. In the year of 1919 she was united in marriage to Ole Bjerkaas, with whom she lived happily for 33 years.

In January of this year she suffered a heart attack from which she partially recovered. Five weeks ago she took severely ill again, and spent two weeks at the Viborg hospital, and also two weeks at the Sacred Heart hospital.

On Thursday evening, August 14, 1952, at 7 o'clock, she died peacefully at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 20 days.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, Ole; four sons: Ole, Julius and Guy, of Viborg; Albert of Dolin; four step-children: Mable, Mrs. Renny Wolff of Cherokee, Ia.; Bertha, Mrs. Fred Larson, Sioux Falls; Arnold, Irene; Helma, Mrs. Otto Eide, Hurley; ten grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren. Besides a host of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bjerkaas was a member of the Meldal Congregation. A charter member of the Ladies Aid in which she took an active part.

She was a loving wife and mother and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She died with a confession of faith in her Savious Jesus Christ fully confident that she was going home to live forever with him in the eternal Kingdom of Peace and Joy. May her Memory ever be blessed among us.