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Last Rites Held For Pioneer

Following several months of illness, death came to Mrs. Hannah Knudsen in spite of all that loving hands and the skill of doctors could do. Funeral services for Mrs. Hannah Knudsen were held Tuesday, November 4th, first from the farm home and later from Our Savior's Lutheran church of which she had been a faithful member all her life. Services were conducted by Rev. Holger Strandskov of Dwight, Ill. Interment was made in the Rosehill Cemetery. The Viborg Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Two beautiful vocal solos, favorite songs of Mrs. Knudsen, were rendered by Mrs. L. J. Rasmussen.

Pallbearers were: Roy Glood, Wm. Jensen, Eddie Madsen, Aage Ibsen, Eskild Lund and Gilbert Nelsen.

The Danish Ladies Aid and the Danish Sisters Lodge served lunch in the Gym Hall following the Service.

OBITUARY

Johanna Christine Knudsen, daughter of Ole and Else Sorensen, was born June 12, 1874 in Jylland, Denmark. At the age of 4 years she immigrated with her parents to this country where they settled in Turner County, near Viborg, and where she grew to young womanhood.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith, and to this faith she remained faithful unto the end.

On July 2, 1892, she was united in marriage to Erick Knudsen. To this union seven children were born, five of whom survive. Her husband, an infant daughter and one son preceded her in death.

The Knudsens were pioneers of Turner County, having farmed here for over 50 years. The deceased was a member of the Danish Ladies Aid, taking active part for many years. She was a pioneer member of the Danish Lutheran church and a charter member of the Danish Sisterhood of America where she gave willingly of her time and service. She won a fully deserved friendship and respect of all who knew her.

Hannah Knudsen had an unusual winning personality, as Rev. Strandskov emphasized in his funeral sermon. Mrs. Knudsen was known by her smile, her friendliness toward all, and her generosity toward her church and many friends, young and old. Thus she lived and in spite of her age, she remained youthful to the very last she could be about amongst her friends. And thus she will live in the memory of her friends through the days of tomorrow.

She leaves to mourn her passing, besides the many friends in this and other communities, her 2 sons, Knud, of Irene, and Walter, of Viborg, and 3 daughters, Mrs. Chris Madsen of New Underwood, Mrs. Irving Larson, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Ike Fredricksen of Tyler, Minn.; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters, Hattie Sorensen, Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Kate Henriksen, Eureka, Calif., Mrs. Anna Marcussen, Sioux City, Iowa, and Mrs. J. W. Peterson of St. Cloud, Minn., and one brother, Soren Sorensen, of Wall, S. Dak.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish, in this manner, to convey our most heartfelt thanks to all those who assisted us in any way during our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our dear Mother. Especially do we thank Rev. Strandskov for coming such a great distance, and for his comforting words at the services; those in charge of the music, flowers, the pallbearers, and those who furnished food for those who attended from a distance. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will long be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Madsen
Dr. and Mrs. Irving Larson
Mr. and Mrs. Knud Knudsen
Mr. and Mrs. Ike Fredricksen
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knudsen