MELGAARD, Cecelia Marie (Smith)

May 9, 1880
Daneville Township
August 13, 1966
Yankton, South Dakota

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LAST RITES HELD ON TUESDAY FOR MRS. M. MELGAARD

Funeral services for Mrs. Miner Melgaard, who passed away on Saturday, were held from the Viborg Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 16th, with Rev. Emil Muhlhausen and Rev. Wayne Rager officiating. Pallbearers were Robert Ward, Ralph Lauritzen, Duane Peterson, Vernon Andersen, Herbert Peterson, and Harvey W. Jensen. Interment was at Bethania Cemetery.

Cecelia Maria (Smith) Melgaard, daughter of Andres P. Smith and Maren (Ebbesen) Smith, was born on May 9, 1880, at her parents homestead. She passed away at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, South Dakota, on August 13, 1966, at the age of 86.

Mrs. Melgaard was baptized in the Lutheran faith and started her early church life at the church once located 3 miles west of Viborg. She attended Daneville School District 45 and a dress-making school in Sioux Falls.

On March 31, 1903, she was united in marriage to James Miner Melgaard at the farm home of her parents. To this union one daughter, Mildred, was born. They lived on the farm home until 1944 when they moved to Irene. In March of 1953 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Parish Hall in Viborg. Mrs. Melgaard was an active member in the old Freya Community Club, and all her life had an interest in gardening.

The last few years she has resided at the Tiezen Home in Marion and at Sunset Manor in Irene.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Miner, and her daughter Mildred. She is survived by a son-in-law, Grant Caryl of Viborg; three grandchildren, Mrs. Melvin (Lucille) Sticker, Rapid City, South Dakota; Miss Elizabeth Caryl, Viborg, S. Dak.; and Mr. James Arlin Melgaard, Yankton, South Dakota; seven great-grandchildren: Vicki, Melanie, Chris, Tracy Ann, and David Stickler, Rapid City, S. D., and Melinda and Robert Melgaard, Yankton, S. Dak., and many other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Interment was in the Bethania Cemetery, Viborg, S. Dak. Blessed