BAK, Ole

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Another of this community's old settlers has passed on, namely Ole Bak who for the past 62 years has lived on the same farm located in Turkey Valley Twp. He was also a life-long member of the Meldal Congregation.

Mr. Bak has for the past 2 months been at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. S. Samdven, at Carthage, S. Dak. helping her care for her husband, who has been ill in bed for a long time. Plans had been made for Mr. Bak to return to his home the following week but God willed otherwise, as on Friday, Aug. 21, he became suddenly seriously ill and was rushed to Sioux Valley hospital. He passed away there on August 28.

Mr. Bak has had many a trial and sorrow during his life. His 2 oldest children were both taken away by death in one day leaving his wife and him all alone. Fifteen years ago his wife passed on leaving him alone to be both father and mother to his seven children, the youngest being at that time 9 years of age. His last sacrifice was to see three of his sons leaving for service in the armed forces. Mr. Bak always bore his trials patiently and was always ready to help anybody else in trouble and thus he made friends with everybody he met.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, September, 2. A short devotional period was conducted at the home and Rev. Johnson sang "O Hvor Saligt Det Skal Blive." The services were held in the Norwegian language both at the home and church. The Petersen sisters sang two selections at the church. Burial was made in the family lot beside his wife at the Meldal Cemetary. Six of his nephews acted as pallbearers: Clarence, Alfred and Elmer Bak; Ole Brunsvig; and Joe and Martin Rye. Besides floral tributes, a large sum of money was given in memorium to missions.

Those from a distance here to attend his funeral were: his three sons stationed at camps, and Ingvald from Sioux Falls; his sister, Mrs. D. S. Samdven and her children, from Carthage and also nieces and nephews from Sioux Falls.

Mr. Bak will be greatly missed by his many relatives and also a host of friends but we hope that what is our loss has only proved to be his gain and that some day we may all meet again in the heavenly home.

OBITUARY

Ole Bak was born at Renebu, Norway on Feb. 25, 1868. He was baptized at the Aure church. Together with his parents and their other children, he emigrated to America in the year of 1880 and with them he shared the hardships of pioneer days. At the age of 16 he was confirmed by Rev. F. H. Carlson at the Trondhjem church.

In the year of 1897 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Brunsvig by Rev. C. J. Olberg. To this union 9 children were born. He was preceded in death by his wife and 2 children. His parents and a brother and a sister also preceded him in death.

Surviving are 6 boys and one girl. They are: Edwin, of Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming; Louis, of Camp Barkely, Texas; Oscar, of Fort MacArthur, Calif.; Ingvald, of Sioux Falls; and Olina, Melvin and Olin at home and three grandchildren. He also leaves to mourn his departure: three brothers, Rasmus and Mikkel, of Irene; Edward of Bremerton, Wash. and one sister, Mrs. D. S. Samdven, of Carthage, S. Dak.

On August 21, he became very ill and was rushed to the Sioux Valley Hospital at Sioux Falls where he passed away after six days of suffering.

He had attained the age of 74 years, 6 mo. and 3 days at the time of his passing.

Blessed be his memory.