

KIER, Maren (Peterson)

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northwest of Viborg

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Mrs. N. N. Kier, one of the oldest settlers in this part of the state, died at her home northwest of town last Tuesday morning at the age of 75 years. She leaves a husband and a family of grownup children, besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her departure. The funeral was held today from the Adventist church, of which she was a faithful member. A full obituary will be given next week.

In Memorium

Maren Peterson Kier was born at Euirslejaar Saltun Sogn, Denmark, Oct. 25th, 1840. At the age of 24 Miss Peterson was united in marriage to Nelson Kier. To this union was born 7 sons and 2 daughters, six of these children have passed away and three are still living. One daughter, Mrs. Henna Sorensen and two sons, Peter and Martin Kier, all of which are with us today.

In the year of 1870 Mr. and Mrs. Kier moved from Denmark to Benton County, Iowa. In the spring of 1871 by ox team, they crossed the wild prairies from Iowa to Swan Lake, and took their present home, as a homestead. These early days of pioneer life were seasoned with trial and hardships, and much poverty but God visited their home and betimes they saw the hand of him who never weary to bless and keep.

In her childhood sister Kier became a member of the Lutheran church while with her parents in Denmark. In the year 1876 she attended a series of meeting conducted by Eld. John F. Hansen and J. G. Matison.

March 30th of the same year Mrs. Kier with her husband were baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, being one of the charter members.

She lived a devoted and consistent Christian life to the day of her death and if we are faithful we shall meet her in the resurrection of the just.

There is left to mourn her loss, an aged companion, one daughter, two sons, one sister, one brother, eight grand children and a score of other relatives.

But we mourn not as others who have no hope.