

PEDERSEN, Karen Marie (Christensen)

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Obituary

MRS. C. M. PEDERSEN

Karen Marie Pedersen of Irene, S. Dak. died at the Yankton Hospital on Nov. 9, 1944 at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 1 day.

Mrs. Pedersen was born at Oster Hjermelev Taalstrup, Sogn, Denmark Dec. 8, 1867 and she was baptized in the Lutheran faith the same year. She immigrated with her parents, landing in New York Aug. 4, 1871, and then in Walnut, Iowa on Sept. 5th of the same year. At this place she lived until 1873 when the family journeyed by covered wagon to the vicinity of Swan Lake, S. Dak., where her father had homesteaded.

On Dec. 9, 1890 she was united in marriage to Mr. C. M. Pedersen of Irene, S. Dak. Three daughters were born to this union, Sena, Mrs. Stanley Petersen and Lena. Mrs. Pedersen was a faithful mother to her own children and also had in her care for five years Mrs. Fred W. Holm of Viborg and Mrs. Albert Christensen of Freeman, S. Dak. Mrs. Pedersen was highly esteemed by all who knew her. The cheerfulness with which she faced the many hardships of the early pioneer days won her many friends. Her home was always open for guests and she also found her place in the Ladies Aid and her church.

Mrs. Pedersen was preceded in death by her daughter Sena who passed away June 10, 1910, and by four brothers, Peter of Little Rock, Ark., Jacob of Atlantic, Ia., and Martin Chris of Viborg. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, two daughters, one grandchild, one brother, L. A. Christensen of Center Point, and one sister, Mrs. H. G. Christensen of Badger, S. Dak. and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted on Nov. 12, 1944 from her home at 1:15 p. m. and 2:00 p. m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg. The Rev. M. H. Pedersen officiated. Special music was furnished by the choir. The pallbearers were Willie Long, Carl Christensen, Lars Christensen, Bert Christensen, Ervin Christensen and Lewie Christensen. Interment was in the Bethania Cemetery.