

Christiansen, Chris

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## ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY

This community was greatly shocked last Thursday when the news reached Viborg that Chris Christensen was dead. Mr. Christensen had not been feeling very well of late, but no one thought the end was so near. On Thursday he was up and around the house, read the papers and when his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Frederickson, asked him to come to supper he said he guessed he would not eat as he was not feeling just right to eat just then. The family went on with their supper when Mr. Frederickson heard a strange sound from the bed room and he rushed in there and found Mr. Christensen gasping for breath and dying. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church and was largely attended. There is no language at our command by which we can fittingly portray the character of this man and in our acquaintance of him since coming to Viborg we can truthfully testify to his great sincerity and Christian spirit. He was not only a model Christian, but was an honorable gentleman in the highest sense that term implies. He commanded the respect of all sects and classes of people, as the attendance at his funeral fully verified. It was so perfectly natural for him to do right. We do not fully appreciate the true worth of such men until after the thread of life was severed. He lead a quiet and peaceful life and had a quiet and peaceful death.

Chris Christensen was born Aug. 5th, 1838, at Hormested, Denmark, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. F. Frederickson on April 5th, 1917, being 78 years and 8 months at the time of his death.

At the age of 21 he was married to Miss Karen Marie Nelson, and to them were born eight children, three of which are dead, and five living, Mrs. Nick Nelson, of Centerville, S. D.; N. C. Andrews, of Irene; John Christensen, of Yankton; Mrs. C. F. Frederickson, and Anton Christensen, of Viborg, besides 39 grand children.

In 1868 he immigrated to America coming direct to Racine, Wisconsin, where he settled for the time being, being employed by the Fish Bros. Wagon Co. In 1877 he came to Dakota Territory to join his brothers and sisters, who had gone west to get homes for themselves. He took up a homestead two miles east of the present site of Viborg.

Mr. Christensen was a veteran of the German-Austrian war in 1864, which was waged against Denmark.

He moved to Viborg several years ago, but of late has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Frederickson.

### CARD OF THANKS

Through the columns of this paper we desire to return our warmest thanks to the citizens of this community for kindness and sympathy expressed at the death of our beloved father, and for the beautiful floral offerings. No sweeter memory can live in any heart than the memory of their untiring devotion to the one who has just left us.

N. C. Andrews  
John Christensen  
Mrs. C. F. Frederickson  
Mrs. Nick Nelson  
Anton Christensen