MELGAARD, James Miner

June 17, 1876
Daneville Township
January 24, 1958
Yankton, South Dakota

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LAST RITES HELD WEDNESDAY FOR MINER MELGAARD

Funeral services for James Miner Melgaard were held on Wednesday, Jan. 29th, from the Gaddis Funeral Home and the Viborg Methodist Church. The Rev. Wayne Rager and the Rev. Robert McBride delivered the sermon and conducted the services, respectively. Oliver Pederson, Mrs. Robert Ward and Mrs. Leonard Holm provided the music accompanied by Mrs. Fred Flyger. Pallbearers were Dan Danielsen, Donald C. Johnson, Holger C. Lauritzen, Glenmore Sorensen, Lawrence Smith and Robert B. Ward. Interment was in the Bethania cemetery west of Viborg with Masonic rites provided by the Viborg Emounah Lodge No. 184.

James Miner Melgaard, son of Gulbrand Amundson Melgaard and Anna Maria (Jensen) Melgaard was born June 17, 1876, in a sod house located in Turner County, Dakota Territory, one and a half miles southwest of the present town of Viborg where he grew to manhood on his parents' farm.

On March 31, 1903, he was united in marriage to Cecilia Maria Smith in the farm home of her parents. To this union was born one daughter.

Mr. Melgaard was active in civic and church affairs in Viborg and Turner County. He was an active member of the Viborg Methodist Church for over 50 years, having joined that church in 1888. Until his passing, he was one of the oldest living members. He was a member of Emounah Lodge No. 184, Viborg, S. Dak. He served as clerk of the Daneville District 46 and 45 School Board for many years. He was secretary of the Farmers Lumber Company and a member of its Board of Directors for many years. He served on the Turner County Fair Board. An ardent lover of music, he was a member of the Freya Community Chorus.

In 1944 they retired from the farm and moved to Irene, S. Dak. In 1953 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in Viborg, S. Dak.

He had been in poor health since 1949 when he suffered a light stroke. On December 21, 1956, he entered Sacred Heart Hospital where he was a patient until April when he was taken to the Eleanor Rest Home. On November 1, 1957, he was taken to the Nancy Rest Home, Yankton, S. Dak., where he passed away at sunset, January 24, 1958, at the age of 81 years, 7 months, nd 7 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Cecilia, a son-in-law, Grant Caryl of Viborg, three grandchildren, James Arlin Melgaard of Scotland, Mrs. Melvin (Lucille) Stickler, Elizabeth Caryl, both of Viborg, two great-grandchildren, Melinda Jean Melgaard and Vicki Dee Stickler, and a foster sister, Mrs. Erick Melgaard of Concord, Tennessee, besides a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his only daughter, Mildred, the late Mrs. Grant Caryl, three brothers, Martin, in infancy, Clarence, formerly of Volin, and Dr. Bennett, formerly of Sioux City.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and words of sympathy in our recent bereavement; to Rev. McBride and Rev. Rager for the prayers and message; the Viborg Emounah Lodge No. 184; the pallbearers; the musical offerings by Mr. Oliver Pederson, Mrs. Leonard Holm, Mrs. Robert Ward, and Mrs. Fred Flyger; for the floral offerings, cards and memorials; to the Viborg W. S. C. S.; to Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis and to everyone else who has helped the family in any way. We also wish to express our thanks to each and everyone for all the kindness shown Miner during his illness and long suffering. Your kind acts and deeds will always be cherished in our memory.

Mrs. Miner Melgaard,
Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Melgaard and Melinda,
Mr. Grant Caryl and Elizabeth,
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stickler and Vicki