JOHNSON, Mathulda (Melgaard)

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Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 2nd for Mrs. eGorge H. Johnson, first at the home and then at the Meldahl Church, Rev. E. O. Urness officiating at all services. The short service at the home consisted of a solo "Jesus Du Min Sjaleven." Pearl Georgeson then sang a solo, "Will There be Any Stars in My Crown."

The funeral procession then wended its way to the Meldahl church of which congregation the deceased was a member.

Burial rites were then conducted by the pastor at the beautiful cemetery lying right beside the church. Meldahl Ladies Aid, besides giving flowers, sent $5 to the Jewish Mission.

Mathulda Melgaard was born in Sordal, Norway, April 19, 1868. She was the third of the eight daughters born to Amund and Sigrid Melgaard.

At the age of twenty a desire for a new and broader life came to her so she sailed in the spring of 1888 for the United States. After a pleasant trip she landed at New York and from there went immediately to her uncles, named Peter Oleson and Gudbrand Melgaard of Viborg, South Dakota. A number of years she worked in Centerville and Hurley.

On the 6th of March, 1895, she was married to George H. Johnson in the Danish Lutheran church at Viborg. God blessed this happy union with six healthy normal children, who, with the exception of Melvin, who died at the age of nine months, have had the blessed opportunity to grow to maturity under the guidance and love of this mother and father.

Their home during the first four years was at the Peter Johnson homestead in Spring Valley. In 1899 they moved to their present farm south of Center Point, which they have made into a home of their ideals.

The past three years Mrs. Johnson had been failing in health due to heart trouble especially, which became more and more serious during the past two months. It being God's will, she died at the hospital at 5:30 Tuesday morning, April 30th at the age of 61 years and eleven days.

She leaves to mourn a faithful husband and five children, namely: Andrew, Anna (Mrs. Louis Larson), Albert and the twins, Elmer and Alice. Also seven grand-grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Carl Hanson of Hurley. Another sister lives in Norway, and still another in Sweden. The loss of this brave wonderful mother will not only be felt by her own dear ones left behind, but by the community at large, as her kindness and ever-ready helpfulness were far-reaching.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the many friends, the Danish Brotherhood and the Meldahl Ladies Aid, for the sympathy acts of kindness, the lovely flowers and the beautiful singing given as we suffered the loss of a dear wife and mother.

Geo. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Larson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson and Bernice and Alice and Elmer Johnson.