

HANSEN, Karen Marie (Jensen)

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FORMER VIBORG RESIDENT PASSES AT IRENE

She was Mother Of Large Family

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Folker Hansen, Tuesday, August 16th, from the Lutheran church in Irene. Rev. Mars, of Beresford, S. D., and Rev. Weitz of the Turkey Valley Nazarene church had charge of the services. Vocal selections were rendered by Rev. and Ms. Mars and Rev. and Mrs. Strong of Sioux Falls.

Karen Marie Hansen was born at Rønnebags Holm in Denmark on May 19, 1863. Her childhood and early womanhood was spent in the nearby vicinity of Fulebjerg Lund, under the care of foster parents who adopted her as a child. A somewhat meager existence was her lot as her foster parents were of very modest circumstances, and from early childhood she was dependent upon her own efforts for a livelihood.

On September 8, 1886, she was united in marriage to Folker Hansen of the same locality and they remained there until 1890 when they, with their two small children, came to this country, locating at Beresford, S. D., and have made their home continuously in this state since except for two years soon after their arrival spent at Sioux City, Ia., and during part of 1904 and 1905 when she with her husband and family went to South Africa, led by a desire for work in the missionary field.

Coming to Irene from Beresford in the spring of 1906, she has resided in this locality and at Viborg since, having moved to Viborg in 1916, and retiring to her present and last earthly home in 1925.

She passed away at her home here on Friday, August 12, 1938, following three weeks serious illness and after many years of failing health. At no time especially strong in body, the deceased has

through her lifetime been possessed of great courage and determination, strengthened by a firm trusting faith in God whose help and guidance she has sought and found throughout, since her conversion to Christian faith early in her married life. With her husband she has constantly taken her problems and those of her large family to the altar of prayer for comfort and guidance, and continued to seek the help and mercies of Him during her last illness.

Besides her husband, surviving her is a large family of 3 daughters, 9 sons, 24 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs. C. N. Hjerrild of Sunnyside, Calif.; Mrs. O. C. Burke of Spokane, Wash.; and Mrs. P. N. Aggergaard of Sioux Falls, S. D. The sons are Peter V. of Yankton, S. D.; Fred F. and David of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Oscar D. of Irene, S. D.; Elmer M. of Madison, S. D.; Joseph, Enoch and Chester, of Viborg, S. D., and Arthur, of Kalispell, Mont. Two nieces, Mrs. Lewis Goldenstein and Miss Karen Hansen, both of Evanston, Ill., were reared from childhood also in the same home. All with the exception of Mrs. Hjerrild were present for the funeral services. Relatives and friends alike are mourning the passing from this life of a truly beautiful character.