

PASCO, Bessie J. (Petersen)

April 17, 1907
Turkey Valley Township
September 26, 1983
Viborg

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Bessie Pasco

Funeral services were held for Bessie J. Pasco at the Viborg United Methodist Church on Monday, September 26, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Wm. Duncan officiated. Organist was Mrs. J. Merle Peterson. Special music was by Alan Ward and Gary Ward accompanied by Mrs. Robert Ward at the piano. Pallbearers were Leslie Peterson, Dwight Anderson, J. Merle Peterson, Robert Ward, Ray Bak and Roger Olsen.

Interment was at the Hurley Cemetery, Hurley, S.D. The graveside service was by the Rebekah Lodge.

Bessie J. Pasco was born April 17, 1907 on a farm in Turkey Valley Township to Thomas and Johanna Petersen, she was the second eldest child born to this union, the other children were namely, Elvina, Roy and Myrtle (Mrs. Harvey Hansen). Bessie spent all of her childhood days in the Viborg area where she attended public school and attained her education.

On July 23, 1924 she was united in marriage to Merl F. Pasco at Sioux Falls, S.D. To this union two children were born, one son Derrol and one daughter Dorothy (Mrs. Fred Flyger).

Bessie and Merl were engaged in road construction under the trade name of Pasco Construction Co. for many years, however, Viborg always remained their home. They retired from the Construction business and were then engaged in farming interests. Due to the failing health of her husband Merl, they discontinued their farming interest. On July 4th, 1964, Merl passed away. It was then Bessie moved into Viborg where she held several positions as Food Service Director at the Viborg Public School for many years and also as a Dietary cook at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Viborg, S.D.

She was always an active and devoted member to various organizations in her community. She was a member of the Viborg Methodist Church and United Methodist Women's Society. She served on the board of directors and various offices within the church and the society. She was also an active member in the Viborg Rebekah Lodge. The lodge recognized her for her years of service with the presentation of a 50 year Jewel. She also served on the Fraternal Burial Association Board for many years and was very instrumental in establishing the Senior Citizen's Center in Viborg of which she took a very active and deep interest.

Bessie is survived by her son Derrol and daughter-in-law Donna of Lennox, S. D.; her daughter Dorothy and son-in-law Fred W. Flyger, Viborg, S.D.; five grandchildren, Douglas W. Flyger and wife Carol, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Fred Claire Flyger and wife Kathryn, Viborg, S. D.; Charlotte Pasco, Lincoln, Ne.; Carol Pasco, Omaha, Ne.; Thomas Allen Pasco and wife Shelly, Sioux Falls, S.D.; seven great grandchildren: Dean and Dax Flyger (children of Douglas and Carol Flyger); Michelle, Teresa and Aaron Flyger (children of Fred Claire and Kathryn Flyger); Leslie and Matthew Pasco (children of Thomas and Shelly Pasco); eleven step grandchildren and step great grandchildren: Steven and Wanda Chamber - Son Steve; Paul and Diane Putkze - Son Mike and Phillip; Steve and Threasa Thorne - Daughter Michelle; Susan, James, Mary and Sharron Chambers. Greg Chambers preceded her in death.

Bessie was preceded in death by her husband Merl; parents, Thomas and Johanna Petersen; two sisters, Elvina Petersen, Myrtle (Mrs. Harvey Hansen) and Roy C. Petersen and also a daughter-in-law Finis Pasco.

She was a Christian, loving and caring Mother, Grandmother and Friend to all. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.