

Peterson, Berthe (Bratlien)

Born: August 5, 1853
Norway
Died: April 16, 1924
Sioux Falls

Viborg Enterprise - April 23, 1924

MRS. PETERSON PASSED AWAY AT MOE HOSPITAL

**Came to This Country From
From Norway 54 Years
Ago**

**SIX SONS WERE
PALL BEARERS**

**Funeral Services Held at
Home and Meldahl
Church Monday**

Although a busy time of the year, there were many present at the Meldahl church on last Monday, April 21st, to show the late Mrs. John C. Peterson their last token of esteem. Rev. Nordsletten of Irene, officiated at the church, while Mr. A. O. Grudt, one of the neighbors of the family, led the devotion at the home.

Berthe Peterson was born in Ness, Hedemarken, Norway, on August 5th, 1853. Her parents were Kristian and Agnete Bratlien. She came to Yankton county in 1872. On November 27th, 1874 she was married in Vangen Lutheran church, Mission Hill, to Mr. Johannes Peterson. Some over four years later, in 1879, they moved to Turner county and settled on a homestead which has ever since been their home.

Eleven children were born to this marriage. Two of these died in infancy, namely Clara Amali and Sam; the twins, Alfred and Clara, died as adults not long ago.

For many years Mrs. Peterson's health was poorly. On December 3rd, 1923, she became the victim of a light stroke of paralysis. However, she apparently became better, but again on April 6th, 1924, she suffered a severe attack of hemorage of the brain. She was then taken to the Moe hospital at Sioux Falls, where she passed away on April 16th, being at the time of her death, 70 years and six months of age.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, with whom she had been married almost fifty years. Her six sons acted as pall bearers, a feature which is rarely seen. These are Kristen, Bernhard, Albert, Emil and Martin, all of Viborg; Clarence and Selma of Ellingson, S. D. She is also survived by four grand children. A brother of hers, Ole Bratlien, lives at Kadoka, S. D., and one, Martin Bratlien, resides at San Diego, Calif.