

MONK, Soren Nielsen

Born: August 15, 1843
Denmark
Died: September 1, 1920
Viborg

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SOREN N. MONK CROSSES BORDER

One of the Oldest Pioneers of Turner County Answers Final Summons—Dies Suddenly Without Struggle

This town and community was shocked Wednesday afternoon, when the news spread that Soren N. Monk had passed away at his home. He was down town during the afternoon, happy and cheerful as usual. He went home about three o'clock and spent some time conversing with his wife and drank a cup of coffee. A little later he went out to do his chores. Mrs. Monk missed him and knew that he was feeble looked around the place and found him dead in the corn crib, where he had gone for some corn to feed his cow. Appearances indicated that he had died without a struggle. Mr. Monk was one of the earliest settlers of this community, coming here in the early seventies and settled on a homestead, where part of the city now stands. He served as county commissioner in the early days, and about twenty years ago he was elected county treasurer, which office he held two terms. He has held many other offices of trust and was a man of high standing in the community. Of late years he has retired from active work, but has been at the head of the Bank of Viborg, until the same passed into new hands a short time ago. The funeral will be held next Saturday afternoon. He leaves a large grown up family. We hope to give a more complete obituary next week.

OBITUARY

Soren N. Monk was born near Horsens, Denmark, August 15th, 1843, and died at his home in Viborg, S. Dak., September 1st, 1920, aged 77 years and 16 days.

He came to America in the spring of 1864, settling at Racine, Wisconsin, where he resided for eight years. On January 27th, 1868 he was united in marriage to Kristen Marie Christensen to which union eight children were born, four of whom have gone before him.

In 1873 he came with his wife and two children to Dakota Territory, locating on a homestead near where Viborg now is located and this community has been his home ever since.

He united with the Baptist church of Daneville (now Viborg) during its pioneer days in the year of 1876 and has to his death been a faithful and consistent member. He was for a number of years its Sunday School Superintendent and at the time of his death an honorary Deacon.

As a community builder he was always active and has served in various public capacities, such as member of school and township boards, first president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which he helped organize, county commissioner and was for two terms county treasurer of Turner county.

During his last years his health has not been of the best but he has been able to be about almost every day. The last day he lived he was about as usual, cheerful and hopeful, not anticipating that his call should come so unexpectedly. He leaves to mourn his beloved and faithful wife, three sons, Charley, Arlo and Harvey, and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Swenson, all of Viborg, also his sister, Mrs. Mads Rasmussen, of Oakland, California, nine grand children and one great grand child, besides many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church, conducted by Dr. C. E. Peters, and assisted by Rev. Jacob Olson, and Rev. H. M. Anderson, and interment was made in Rose Hill Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

For kind expressions of sympathy, tokens of love and friendship, and floral offerings, in the hour of bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. S. N. Monk and family