BRODLAND, Rev. O. H.

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Funeral Services Held For O. H. Brodland

Funeral services for Pastor O. H. Brodland were held on Monday morning at ten o'clock at the Bethesda Home for the Aged, Beresford, S. Dak., with Pastor Norman Nelson officiating. Short meditations were given by Pastor A. J. M. Brakke, former Supt. of the Bethesda Homes, and Pastor David Preus, president of the Vermillion Circuit. Mrs. Norman Nelson served at the organ.

Final rites were held at Salem Lutheran Church near Freeman, S. Dak., with Pastor Virgil Johnson officiating and also speaking in behalf of the family. Dr. L. A. Pierson, South Dakota District president of the E. L. C., preached the sermon. Interment was in the Salem cemetery.

O. H. Brodland was born May 28, 1868, in Vignestad, Aust Agder, Norway, to Hans and Torborg Brodland. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church of Norway.

At the age of 19 years in 1887 he emigrated to America coming to the Midway district near Menno, S. Dak. He worked as a farm laborer and plowed with oxen for two years. In the fall of 1889 he enrolled at Augustana College in Canton, S. Dak., and from which he graduated in 1894. He entered the United Church Seminary in Minneapolis in 1894, and from which he graduated in 1897 and was ordained into the ministry.

Rev. Brodland first served as temporary pastor for a year at Ashland, Wis. In 1898 he was called as pastor for the large and scattered Nielsville, Minn., parish. He organized many congregations which now are served by several pastors. He served this parish until 1911, and again later in 1925 to 1939 for a total of 27 years of outstanding service. In 1911 he was called as pastor of several congregations, including Salem, south of Freeman. He served this parish until 1925 when he moved back to Nielsville, Minn. He returned again for a short time as pastor to Freeman in 1939-40.

In 1895 he was united in marriage to Inger Mosby. To this union nine children were born. A son died in childbirth, Arthur died at age of 26 years, and Henry died just 4 weeks ago. Mrs. Inger Mosby-Brodland died in 1936. These were buried in the Salem cemetery.

In 1937 he was united in marriage to Mabel Gunderson of Menno, S. Dak. In the fall of 1942, Rev. and Mrs. Brodland were called by Bethesda Home for Aged at Beresford to become Chaplain and matron-nurse. In this capacity he served faithfully until February, 1953.

About a month ago he became ill. He sought medical help and care at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls where he passed away on Friday, Nov. 2, 1956, at the age of 88 years, 5 months and 5 days.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel, and the following children: George of Menno, Tilda Bjornstad, Nielsville, Minn., Theodora Odland of Freeman, Myrtle Brakvatne of Viborg, Joseph of Freeman, Esther Jorstad of Freeman. There are also 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends who mourn his death.