

KJERGAARD, Otto Nielsen

April 2, 1887

Denmark

February 26, 1944

near Irene, South Dakota

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OTTO NIELSEN KJERGAARD

Otto Nielsen Kjergaard was born in Aalborg, Denmark, April 2, 1887 and immigrated to America with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Kjergaard, and brother Peter, landing in New York on his third birthday. They came directly to South Dakota.

He was united in marriage to Helga Olsen on December, 28, 1910. They made their home on the farm in the Irene vicinity. As a child he was baptized in the Lutheran faith in the Parish Church in Denmark. He was confirmed by Rev. N. P. Nelsen with an adult class on October 13, 1935. He was an active member of the Turkey Valley Lutheran Church, the D. B. S. Lodge and the Freya Community Club.

He was always a willing and cheerful helper to his neighbors and friends, and devoted to his family, having cared for his parents the latter years of their lives. With the exception of the past year and a half, Mr. Kjergaard has been in good health. On December 26, 1943 he went to Rochester, Minn. for medical aid. An operation was deemed necessary but physicians found he was beyond helping. However, he rallied and returned to his home on January 15, 1944. He passed away on Feb. 26, at the age of 56 years, ten months and 24 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.

He leaves to mourn his death,

his loving wife, a son, Marvin, of this vicinity and a daughter, Lydia (Mrs. Einer Thompsen), of Sequim, Washington, who together with her husband visited at home a short time ago, - two granddaughters, a brother, Peter, of Irene, and a half sister, Anna, of Yankton. He also leaves a great number of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 29, from his home and at the Turkey Valley Lutheran Church. Rev. M. Harry Pedersen officiated. The pallbearers were Marius Petersen, Anton Soyland, C. H. Gunderson, Jens C. Sorensen, John Thompson and E. D. Jorgensen. Interment was in the Turkey Valley Lutheran Cemetery.