

MADSEN, Bettie

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August 3, 1916
Sioux Falls

Viborg Enterprise -
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MISS BETTIE MADSEN
PASSES AWAY

This community was greatly shocked last Friday when it was reported that Miss Bettie Madsen had passed away at the hospital the night before. While not entirely unexpected, it was a shock never the less. She had been hovering between life and death for several days and the doctors held out no hope, but the family and friends still hoped and prayed that she may be spared. The remains were brought home on the train Friday evening and were accompanied by Mrs. Andrew Goodhope and Miss Malinda Madsen, sisters. In the death of Miss Madsen we fully and keenly realize our loss. She was true friend, and her devotion to those she loved would make a bright chapter in any life. Nothing but the thought of the loving hand that has removed her can reconcile us to her absence. While she has gone from the scenes, the conflicts, the sorrows and pleasures of life, she will still live in the hearts of those who knew her best. She was a kind, loving daughter, and her devotion to the family circle had no limit. Her future was full of promise, and we dare not ask why she was taken from us in her prime, unless, as flowers are picked before the frost finds them that we may not witness their decay. It is sad, indeed, to see one so well equipped for life taken so unexpectedly, yet for her there was no standing on the border-land, gazing into the unknown, for death came as the sunset dies along the hills when the day is over. A life that imparts such lessons is well worth living.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home and at 3 o'clock from the church, and the church was crowded to its utmost capacity long before that hour by loving friends, who wished to show their last respect. The place that Bettie held in the hearts of her friends was shown by the many grieving friends who attended the services. The beautiful floral offerings that surrounded her only attested the love in which she was held in the community.

She went to Sioux Falls Tuesday, July 25th, for a slight operation on her nose and requested the Enterprise not to say anything about it as it was so slight. The doctors, however, found that the bone had become diseased and because of the nearness of it to the brain, affected it, causing

spinal meningitis, which resulted in her death, August 3rd.

Rev. Kristensen, of the Lutheran church, and Rev. Peters, of the Baptist church, spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing family and relatives.

She leaves to mourn her loss besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Madsen, five sisters, Mrs. Andrew Goodhope, Mrs. Steffen Jorgensen, Mrs. Clyde Keller, Misses Malinda and Luella Madsen, and three brothers, Polle, Edward and Mars.

Bettie Madsen was born October 8th, 1891, near Viborg. She was baptized in the Lutheran church by Rev P. Jensen and confirmed by Rev. L. Henningsen. Of this church she was a member until her death.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our grateful thanks for the kindness and sympathy of our friends in the death of our dear daughter and sister Bettie.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Madsen
and family.