LARSEN, Lawrence

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OBITUARY.

Lawrence Larsen was born in Denmark, near Aalborg, September 1st, 1859, and died in Viborg April 21st, 1911 at the age of 51 years, 7 months and 20 days. He came to America with his parents in 1866, and located in Racine, Wisconsin. In 1873 he came to Daneville now Viborg, S. Dak., where he has since resided. When of age he homesteaded on the quarter section of land on which Viborg is now partly located. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Kjersten M. Jensen, and to this union seven children were born.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, four sons, three daughters and one sister.

He was a man of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. He had borne adversity bravely and enjoyed prosperity quitely.

But he is gone! Another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers. He has left a loving wife and his children to mourn him. It must be so; these tender human ties cannot be severed without a pang. Yet in death there is really no cause for grief. His work was done, and it was done well. He was fully prepared to meet his Maker and only a few days before his death he selected his lot in the cemetery and made certain suggestions for his family to follow in regard to his property.

He had always enjoyed good health up to about a year or so ago when he contracted tuberculosis of the throat. He sought relief in Colorado, but soon found there was no cure and he came home to die.

His last words were expressive of of peace with his God and a willingness to be at rest with Him. The funeral services were held last Tuesday at 1 o'clock in the Baptist church. Rev. Jacob Olsen, of Dell Rapids conducted last sad rites. The casket was covered with the most beautiful flower wreaths.

The music rendered was such as to soften all hearts and moisten all eyes.

Besides a devoted wife he leaves a family of seven children, Anton, John, Harold, Ruben, Mrs. Louis Smith, Lydia and Hilda, also a sister Mrs. A. L. Nelson.

Card of Thanks.

To the friends who came to us in our hour of trouble, and contributed all that human kindness could suggest, to help and comfort, we return most heartfelt thanks, and although such devoted friendship cannot remove the sad memories that linger around our vacant chair it brings it to view the brightest side of humanity, and throws the pure light of an unselfish friendship into a darkened home. May the day be far distance when those friends who gathered around us will need similar attention, but when the time comes may they receive the same full measure of generous aid and tender sympathy they brought into our home when death was an inmate there.

Mrs. Lawrence Larsen and Family.