

JOHNSON, Ingeborg J. (Borge)

March 21, 1857

Norway

Died: early August of 1930

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OBITUARY

MRS. MARKUS JOHNSON

Mrs. Markus Johnson, whose maiden name was Ingeborg Johannesdatter Borge, was born in Hans Prestjeld Bergen, Norway, March 21, 1857.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Jerstad church Sogn.

In 1881, at the age of 24, she immigrated to America, coming to Yankton, S. D.

The following year she was united in marriage to Markus Johnson, also from Norway. Here they lived until 1887, when they came to Turner county and settled on a homestead, where she lived until the time of her demise.

This union was blessed with eight children. Six living, namely: John, Hjalmer, Carl, Enga, Mrs. H. Sveen, Martha, Mrs. Elmer Nielsen, and Marthine. Two children preceded here in death—Ole, who was killed in the World War, and Markus, Engeman, who died in infancy.

Beside her devoted husband and children, she leaves to mourn her loss, ten grandchildren and two brothers in Norway.

On July 12, 1930 she was taken sick with a bronchial disease. Later complications developed, and after three weeks of illness, death came to her as a complete relief from her suffering and the dawn of a better life.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 5th, with Rev. Levorson officiating.

At the home a mixed quartet and the men's chorus sang two beautiful Norwegian songs. At the church the choir rendered two songs, "Softly the Daylight Faded," and "Vile Engang."

The church was beautifully decorated. Many nice floral offerings were tendered by friends and relatives. However, in place of too many floral offerings as was her earnest wish, contributions in money amounting to over \$125 were made to missions, pension funds, etc. by devoted friends and relatives.

At the close of the service, Rev. O. H. Brodland, of Nielsville, Minn., a close and intimate friend of the departed, brought words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved in their great hour of sorrow. He recounted numerous favors he had received at the Johnson home, where as a young student preparing for the ministry, he spent his vacation days, trying to earn his way through school. He also admonished the surviving to become "living monuments" of their mother, pointing out a few of the many good virtues that adorned her daily life, which makes for a better and nobler Christian life.

Pall bearers were Hans Helgager, John Gran, Hans Mosby, Peter Jorstad, C. O. Carter, George Geraldson.

After the services interment was made in the Carlson cemetery beside her two departed sons.

The departure of Mrs. Johnson marks the passing of another of those pioneer mothers who half a century ago settled down on these wild prairies of South Dakota, to the task and purpose of carving out a home for herself and her family amidst privations and toil.

While she helped to accumulate a vast amount of material riches, she was always ready to forsake them for the spiritual things in life. She was brought up in the Christian faith and remained loyal to those

principles to her death, always taking a deep and interesting part in the religious affairs of the day, and, as the poet said:

"Even as she trod that day to God,
So walked she from her birth,
In simpleness and gentleness,
And honor and clean mirth."

Blessed be her memory!—Contributed.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother. To Rev. Levorson and Rev. Brodland for comforting words, to the choir and quartet for the beautiful songs, to Olga Pederson, the organist, to the Ladies Aid and all others who contributed both with floral and memorial offerings as well as with other favors during our dark hour of sorrow.

Markus Johnson

John Johnson and Elmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmer Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Sveen

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nielson

Marthine Johnson.