MARCUSSEN, Fred A.

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FRED MARCUSSEN IS CALLED SUDDENLY

Well-known Residents Funeral is Held Thursday Afternoon

Word of the passing of Fred Marcussen early Monday morning came as a shock to his many friends. The end came after a short illness. Funeral services will be held at the Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Fred was one of Viborg's best liked citizens. For many years he was engaged in the general store business and made a host of friends. The obituary will be published in next week's Enterprise.

Fred A. Marcussen was born on July 28th, 1874 in Greisdalen, near Veile, in Denmark. He grew to young manhood in one of the most beautiful districts in that wonderland of the North. It must have been difficult for him to team himself away from a territory so favored by nature. This he nevertheless did and came to the United States in 1893. The first year this sojourn in this country was spent in Tyler, Minn., where he became a member of the Lutheran church. The following year (1894) he came to Viborg, S. D., where he has dwelt ever since. For some years he was employed as a clerk in a general store in which capacity he made himself of utmost value.

On January 21st, 1903, he was married to Anna Sorensen of this city. To this union were born three children, Joy, Bernice and Zola.

In 1903 Fred entered into a partnership with Roy B. Nelson, who together conducted a general store for many years known under the firm name of "Fred and Roy." In 1917 this partnership was dissolved by mutual consent and in all friendship. As a business man, Fred had few equal. He always had a friendly smile and a glad hand for all. To customers nd employees alike he was big-hearted and generous. The writer of this has known him for 16 years and has yet to meet a person who did not have a good word for Fred. A man oes not create and keep such a host of friends unless he is genuinely good. The writer has himself experienced favors at the hands of Fred, which to him will always keep his memory green. In 1917 Fred entered the insurance business in which he was engaged till the day of his passing.

We were all greatly shocked when we heard on Monday morning, December 30th 1929 that Fred had passed away. Some of us knew that his health had not been of the best for some time, but scarcely any realized that his condition was as serious as it proved to be. We all sympathize greatly with the bereaved family, the faithful wife, daughter Joy, and the dear little girls, Bernice and Zola. They will greatly miss the good husband and the kindly father.

And away across the water there remains the aged mother of 84 years who will learn with sorrow that her boy has gone before her, and the brother, whose eyes will well with tears when he learns that his brother is no more. But the God of all comfort can speak consolation also to those burdened hearts over in old Denmark for neither space nor time place bounds upon Him.

It will seem strange to see no more the friendly face of Fred Marcussen upon our streets. We should liked to have kept him yet for many years to come. But we must not complain. It is harder for those who in the home from day to day have to face the vacant chair. Such consolation as can be had from the heartfelt sympathy of innumerable friends is theirs in the fullest measure. To this may be added the sustaining hand of the great Father of uu all who has promised to wipe away all tears and to heal those who are broken hearted.

The funeral took place from the home in Viborg on Thursday, January 2nd, 1930, with the services at the Baptist church. The interment was at Rose Hill cemetery. Pastor Prewitt and C. E. Peters officiated. Unstinted sympathy from the whole community goes to the bereaved family.