

Pearson, Johanna Christine (Leman)

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Mrs Per Pearson

Johanna Christine Leman was born April 23rd, 1845 in Vesterbotten, Sweden. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. As a young girl she worked as a servant on a farm at Medelped and here she met Per Pearson and July 24th, 1870 they were married. For 23 years they lived on a farm there in that locality. My 28, 1893 they came to America direct to Vermillion, South Dakota. For several years they lived in the rural community of Dalesburg and Comstad. For some time they also lived on a farm south of Centerville, until the year 1904, 27 years ago when they moved to the farm in north Yankton county where they have lived ever since, 13 miles west of Viborg. To this union was born seven children, two died in infancy before the family came to the United States.

Up until about two years ago she was in good health, able to take care of her housework. Since that time she and her aged husband have depended upon others for care. Most of these two years she has been in bed gradually losing strength. Last July 24th this aged couple celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. This is rather unusual. Thursday evening August 6th at 10:30 P. M. she died at the age of 86 years, 3 months and 13 days. A well spent life has come to an end. One interested in life and always having a cheering disposition. In spite of her long illness she bore her trial with much patience.

She is survived by her husband now past 84 years of age and 5 children, (Marie Christine) Mrs. John Vedin, Irene, living neighbor to her mother's home; Oscar Peter Pearson, Lusk Wyoming; Emil Johan Pearson, Centerville, (Selma Ulrika) Mrs. Hollinger, Santiago, Cal. Carl Pearson Viborg, on the farm where his aged parents have made their home. Besides these immediate members of the family she leaves 17 grand children, 10 great-grand children and many other more distant relatives and friends. Pallbearers were Gust Johnson, Ole and Hans Elde, M. Holsatter, R. Anderson and Mr. Madsen.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Elfm Church, Rev Ole M. Odland of Yankton officiating. The funeral was in charge of the Fraternal Burial Association of Viborg, S. D.