

NIELSEN, Maren (Jensen-Olsen)

Born: February 6, 1848

Denmark

Died: May 3, 1920

Beresford

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TWO PIONEERS ARE CALLED

Pioneer of This Part of the County
Gone to Her Reward—Funeral
Held Today From Baptist
Church

A cloud of sadness came over the hearts of the people in this vicinity when the word came over the phone Monday that Mrs. Lars Nelson had passed away at the home of her son, C. H. Olsen, at Beresford. Mrs. Nelson went to Beresford a couple of weeks ago to visit at her sons home and was taken down with pneumonia. Nothing serious was expected and the news of her death came as a severe shock. She was one of the pioneers of the county, settling in the early days on a claim between Viborg and Centerville. The funeral will be held today from the Baptist church. A full obituary will be given next week.

OBITUARY

Maren Jensen was born on the 6th of February, 1848 at Hemesto Sogn, Denmark. She came to the United States in 1873, and lived a short time in Chicago. In 1874 she came to Turner County, South Dakota, and was the same year married to Lars Peter Olsen. To this union were born four children of whom two survive: Martin Olsen, of Viborg, and C. H. Olsen, of Beresford. One died in infancy and Louis F. Olsen, who died in 1905. Mr. Olsen died in the fall of 1881. In 1882 she was married to Lars Nelsen, of Beresford, and moved soon afterward to the vicinity of Viborg. To this union were born four children of whom two survive: Mrs. George D. Stewart of Centerville and Mrs. J. A. Olsen of Viborg. Lars Nelsen died in July, 1911. With the exception of a short time spent in Sioux Falls she has lived in Viborg and vicinity during all her married life and also during her period of widowhood.

She united with the Baptist church at Frederikshavn, Denmark, at an early age and when she came to this state attached herself to the Baptist church of Daneville, now of Viborg. Of this church she has remained a faithful and steadfast member until her death.

On April 8th she went to visit her son, C. H. Olsen, of Beresford. While there she was taken ill with pneumonia and a complication of diseases. Though for a time hope was entertained of her recovery she nevertheless gradually grew weaker. On the morning of May 3rd, she took her departure to be with her Lord and to rejoin those who had gone before. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her children also two brothers, Marius Jensen and Chris Jensen. May the Lord comfort the bereaved hearts.

Mrs. Lars Nelsen was one of God's choicest children. Quiet in manner, kindly, large-hearted, benevolent. She will be sorely missed by her family, by the church, and by a host of friends.

The funeral took place from the home in Viborg Thursday, May 6th, and services at the Baptist church. The interment was at the Baptist cemetery with Rev. C. E. Peters officiating, assisted by Rev. H. M. Andersen and Rev. Jacob Olsen.