

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1920

"A BEAUTIFUL LIFE ENDED"

Bertha Jorgensen was born at Noskov, Lulland, Denmark, on the 12th day of April 1835.

The departed had spent the summer months with her daughter, Mrs. Sanderson in Anamosa, returning to the home of Mrs. Armentrout just four weeks ago in her usual health. After a week's time her health began to fail and gradually grew worse till she fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, Dec. 1st at 7:55 a. m.

She grew to womanhood in her native land; was united in marriage to David Jorgensen in August, 1859, coming to America with three small children in September 1867, and settling in Newton, Ia.

Four children were added to their home in Newton. The eldest daughter, Mrs. T. M. Terkildsen, died in the year of 1902, and one son died in infancy. Those who remain to mourn the loss of a loving mother are: Mrs. Geo. Armentrout of Grinnell, Ia., Lewie Jorgensen of Newton, Ia., Mrs. J. H. Sanderson of Anamosa, Ia., Mrs. F. M. Bryan, South Dakota and Fred Jorgensen of Gibbs, Sask., Canada, all of whom except Fred were with her during her last illness.

She will also be greatly missed by her grand children of whom there are nine and her three great-grand-children whom she idolized.

She was well and favorably known in Newton and Jasper counties, the home being one mile north of Newton where the family resided so many years, the children all growing to womanhood and manhood there. On March 1st, 1896 she went with her husband to take charge of the Jasper county home. Her faithful companion departed this life the following July.

Mrs. Jorgensen remained in charge of the county home and efficiently managed same for a number of years. Since leaving the county home work, she has made her home with her daughters, Mrs. Armentrout and Mrs. Sanderson.

The departed was a member of the Lutheran church of Newton. No kinder woman ever lived than Mrs. Jorgensen. She never lost heart, never failed to look at the bright happy side of life. She had always a smile and kindly encouraging words for her friends, and they were many. In the days of health one of the aims of her life was to do for others; to think of others' pleasure and comfort. Not a single selfish act or thought can be laid against this good woman who has been taken from us.

The days of trial and sickness that she so bravely met, the happiness of her life were spent in self-sacrificing love and devotion. During her illness she often requested her daughters to play and sing for her the dear old hymns she loved the most, some of which were, "Just as I am", "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Worthy of Praise". Never a murmur of complaint. We younger people who were her friends and found pleasure and inspiration in frequent visits with her, may do well to take Mrs. Jorgensen's life and character as a pattern to live by.

The words "It is finished" which ended our Saviour's life, on that first "Good Friday" so meaningly and truthfully express the passing of Mrs. Jorgensen to her heavenly home. Nothing was left unfinished for she was a spiritual and religious woman who loved her church tho she was deprived of the pleasure of attending, which made her the more devoted to the reading of her Bible.

It is a comfort to feel she is peacefully at rest.