

## An Obituary Notice Of Lewis

### Rasmus Larsen

10-4-1935

Lewis Rasmus Larsen was born January 23, 1873, in Riske, near Stavanger, Norway. In infancy he was baptized and at the age of fourteen was confirmed in the Lutheran faith. At the age of 20 he left his home in Norway and came to America. He worked in the neighborhood of Sheridan for ten years, then he returned to his old home for a visit, after which he returned and engaged in farming on the Charles Mehlin farm.

He was united in marriage on Feb. 17, 1906 to Elida Thoreson. Four years later they moved to a farm north of Grinnell, where he has resided until his death. To this union were born ten children, Ralph, Carl, Mrs. Louise Wichman, Thelma, Esther, Lloyd, Doris, Robert, Donald and Roger Larsen. The happiness of this marriage remained undisturbed until his death May 29, 1935 at 7:40 a. m., after an illness of one week. He had reached the age of sixty-two years, four months and five days.

He was the oldest son of Rasmus and Inger Larsen, who preceded him in death, his father on July 30, 1904, and his mother on September 2, 1934. He was a kind husband, loving father, and was respected by those who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his loss his beloved wife, ten children and two grandchildren, Velda and Beverly Larsen; also two brothers, Reinert and Erik, and five sisters, Mrs. Roy Anderson, Mrs. Iver Burnson, Mrs. William Wisecarver, Mrs. Olaf Knutson and Mrs. Sena Beland, all of Grinnell, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Friday, May 31, 1935, at 2:30, and were in charge of Rev. S. M. Stenby of Clear Lake, Iowa. Interment was made at Hazelwood cemetery. Pallbearers were three cousins and three nephews, Henry Eriksen, Erwin Wang, Earl Dee, Robert Anderson, Alfred and Roy Wisecarver. Two hymns, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden" were sung by Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. Roscoe Dempster.

Those attending the funeral from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eriksen of Clarion, Mrs. Hans Tokie and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Osnis of Clear Lake, and Lars Froiland of Marshalltown.