

Rites Today At St. John's For Bertha Pedersen

2-1-1960
Funeral services were held for Mrs. Bertha O. Pedersen, 93, this afternoon (Monday) from St. John's Lutheran church. Mrs. Pedersen died late Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Holley, following an extended illness.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. L. H. Strich. Organist was Mrs. Waldo Johnson and serving on the flower committee were Mrs. Carl Tokle and Mrs. Elmer Iverson.

Pallbearers were Paul Pedersen, Donald Pederson, Bernard Pedersen, Richard Holley, William Pedersen Jr., and K. Mark Pedersen. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery with James-Schalinske Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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The daughter of Ole and Anna Larsen Tokle, she was born on May 9, 1866, at Romsdalen, Norway. She came to the United States at the age of 17 and located near Sac City, Ia. She was united in marriage with Ommund Pedersen on Sept. 27th, 1892, at Odebolt, and Mr. Pedersen preceded her in death on June 27th, 1947.

Following their marriage they moved to a farm southeast of Grinnell and in 1898 moved to their farm two miles north of Grinnell on highway 146. In 1940 they retired and moved to Grinnell. For the last four years Mrs. Pedersen had made her home with her daughter.

Mrs. Pedersen was a member of St. John's Lutheran church.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Eugene (Anna) Holley of Gilman; six sons, Parn, Orville, Leonard, Edwin and Lawrence, all of Grinnell, and William of Des Moines; one brother, Bert Tokle of Grinnell; 20 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

OBITUARY

Beret (Bertha) O. Pedersen

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Beret O. Pedersen was born in Romsdalen, Norway, on May 9, 1866, the daughter of Ole and Anna Larsen and departed this life at 4:45 p.m. January 28, 1960, at the age of 93 years, 8 months and 19 days. At the age of 17 she came to this country to the home of an uncle in Sac County, Iowa. On Sept. 27, 1892, she was united in marriage with Ommund Pedersen, a resident of Grinnell. To this union were born one daughter and six sons.

For many years she and her husband were engaged in farming in this vicinity, principally on a farm two miles north of Grinnell on Highway 146. In 1940 the couple moved to Grinnell. Her husband preceded her in death on June 27, 1947.

Mrs. Pedersen was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Norway. She was an active participant in the organization of the Ebenezer Lutheran church of this city. At the time of her death she was a member of St. John's Lutheran church of Grinnell. She was a dedicated Christian and faithful in the practice of her religious faith.

Mrs. Pedersen leaves to mourn her passing her children, Parn, Orville, Leonard, Edwin and Lawrence of Grinnell, Mrs. Anna Holley of Gilman, and William of Des Moines; also 20 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. One brother and two sisters preceded her in death. She is survived by one brother, Bert Tokle of Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 1, at St. John's Lutheran church of this city, with the Rev. Laverne Streich in charge. Mrs. Waldo Johnson furnished special organ music. The pallbearers were six grandsons, Mark Pedersen, Paul Pedersen, Donald Pederson, Bernard Pedersen, Richard Holley, and William Pedersen Jr. Interment was made in Hazelwood cemetery.