

# Death Summons

10-15-1930

## Mrs. P. O. Peterson

(Peterson)

(From The Ellsworth News of Sept. 18.)

Death again claimed one of the well known and long time residents of this community Monday, when Mrs. P. O. Peterson passed away at the hospital in Webster City, where she had an operation on Thursday.

Mrs. Peterson's last illness was very brief. She had been suffering for six weeks, but was able to be up and around most of the time until taken to Webster City last week on Wednesday. The operation on Thursday showed a cancer of the liver, and she was found to be beyond medical aid.

Ellen Olea Peterson, daughter of Charles and Rachel Newton, was born on a farm southeast of Grinnell, Iowa, on Nov. 2, 1865, and passed away at Webster City, Iowa, Sept. 15, at 12 o'clock midnight, at the age of 64 years, 9 months and 13 days.

She grew to womanhood at Grinnell, where she was instructed in the Lutheran faith and confirmed by Rev. Mr. Solberg. She attended high school at Grinnell and later taught school southwest of Jewell.

On May 6, 1886, she was united in marriage to Peter Olaus Peterson at the home of her parents. The Rev. H. C. Holm officiating. To this union four children were born, one dying in infancy. The children are Rebecca Cornelia Haima of Riverside, Calif.; Perry Otto and Joel Burton Peterson of Ellsworth. Her husband and seven grandchildren also mourn her loss, and her aged father, Chas. Newton, still lives in San Diego, Cal. He is 96 years old.

She is also survived by six sisters and a brother: Mrs. Anna Melana of Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Mrs. Rachel Traggardh and Lucy and Lenna Newton of San Diego, Calif.; Thomas Newton of Modesto, Calif.; Mrs. Iver Iverson of Grinnell, and Mrs. Josephine Sheehan of Des Moines.

Following the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson they moved to a farm five miles north of Grinnell where they lived until the spring of 1891, when they moved to their farm four miles north of Ellsworth. Here they resided for twenty-three years. In the fall of 1914, with their son Joel, they went to Daytona Beach, Fla., where they spent the winter and resided with their daughter, Rebecca, who was teaching music at the university at Gainesville, Fla.

In the spring they returned to the farm and remained until that fall, then moving into town, where they have since lived.

Mrs. Peterson was always a member of the Lutheran church, her membership being held in Trinity church at Ellsworth. She was active in the Ladies Aid and Mission societies and will be missed by her sisters in these organizations. She was a loving, self-sacrificing wife and mother, the strength of her character being evidenced in the devoted care she gave to her invalid son.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran church.