

Rasmus

Mrs. Inger Larsen Dies At Ripe Old Age

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Inger Serine Eriksen was born in Froiland near Stavanger, Norway, on June 8, 1845. She was the oldest daughter of Erik and Anna Eriksen. She was baptized in infancy and at the age of fourteen confirmed in the Lutheran Church of her country. She remained faithful to this church during her entire life.

In the spring of 1867 she was united in marriage to Rasmus Larsen. To this union were born eight children: Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mrs. Anna Wisecarver, Lewis Larsen, Mrs. Serina Burnson, Erik Larsen, Mrs. Karen Knutson, Reinert Larsen, and Mrs. Sena Belland, all of Grinnell. Her husband passed away on July 23, 1904. In the spring of 1907 Mrs. Larsen, with her son Reinert and daughter Karen left their old home in Norway and arrived in Grinnell on May 13, 1907.

Except for a short time she lived with her son Reinert who did all that was in his power to make her comfortable and happy. During the time when she was bedfast he was with her constantly, never tiring when administering to her wants.

Grandma Larsen was loved by everyone who knew her. Her kind and generous spirit will long be remembered. She was a wonderful mother and friend who was always willing to share with everyone.

She was a strong, robust woman who had always enjoyed good health until she received a fall about a year and a half ago. She recovered from this and was able to go about until five weeks ago when she became ill. She gradually grew weaker until death came Sunday morning, September 2, 1934, at 20 minutes of 4. Mrs. Larsen was preceded in death, besides her husband, by six brothers and sisters in Norway, one sister, Mrs. Anna Wang, two brothers, Erik Eriksen and Andreas Eriksen who died in this country.

Besides her children, she leaves to mourn her loss: one sister, Mrs. Will Dee of Malcom, and one brother, Andrew Eriksen of Brooklyn. She also leaves twenty-nine grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and a large number of relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Larsen were held from the Ebenezer Lutheran church September 4, 1934, at 3 o'clock. Rev. S. M. Stenby of Clear Lake, Iowa, was in charge.

Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. Roscoe Dempster sang two numbers.

The pallbearers were: Edwin Anderson, Elmer Burnson, Carl Larsen, John Belland, Alfred Wisecarver and Clarence Wisecarver, six grandsons of Mrs. Larsen.

Those attending the funeral from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Erik Larsen and son from Clear Lake.