

Mrs. Andrea Swift Passes Away At 1937 Home In Gilman

April
Martha Inger Christina Andrea
daughter of Ommund and Martha
Rierson Jahnsen was born in
Stavanger, Norway, August 23,
1861, and died at her home in
Gilman, Iowa, after a long illness
April 20, 1937, aged 75 years, 77
months and 28 days.

Her father, a sea captain, was
lost at sea when she was two years
old and when she was nine she was
brought to America with her mo-
ther, brother and uncle, Rier
Rierson, making the trip in a sail-
ing vessel which took nine weeks
to cross the ocean. They came
to Quebec, Canada, and from there
to Detroit, Michigan, by train,
crossing Lake Michigan by steamer
to Chicago and arriving at
Le Grand, Iowa, Sept. 12, 1870.
Later they moved to Marshalltown
and in 1872 to a farm near Picker-
ing. In the spring of 1903 she
moved to a farm northwest of Gil-
man and Dec. 26, 1929, to her
present home in Gilman.

On May 3, 1888, she was united
in marriage to Lars Andrew Swift,
who preceded her in death June 30,
1925. To this union were born six
children, four sons and two daugh-
ters, Iva M. Rohr, Orin R., Victor
E., Allen Leonard, who passed
away Jan. 27, 1925, Frithjof R.,
who passed away Sept. 12, 1930,
and Agnes V. Thurston. Six grand-
children and one great-grandchild
also survive.

Because of her cheerful attitude
and her genuine interest in her
family and friends she will be
greatly missed by all who in any
way have come in touch with her.
One of the happiest interests dur-
ing the last years of her life was
her beautiful home and children.

Funeral services were held at
2 o'clock p. m. Friday at the Com-
munity church, following short
services at the home at 1 o'clock.
Rev. H. A. Crawford had charge
of both services. Pall bearers
were Morgan O'Connell, Carl John-
son, Ira Green, G. C. Peterson,
Fred Neise and Charles Appleby.

Flowers were in charge of Mrs.
G. C. Peterson, Mrs. Geo. Murphy,
Mrs. Omar Sawyer, Mrs. Isaac
Thompson, Mrs. Fred Maxfield,
Belva Branson, Elizabeth Hill and
Nettie Crandon.

Those present from a distance
were Lars Stangeland, Lillie
Thompson and Mrs. Andrew