Mrs. Andrea Swift Passes Away At 1937 Home In Gilman

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 mother, brother and uncle, Rier Rierson, making the trip in a sailing 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 Pickering. In the spring of 1903 she moved to a farm northwest of Gilman 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 daughters, 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 during 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 Community 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 Johnson, 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

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