

Marie Gregersen

Marie Nielsen Gregersen passed away at the Methodist Manor of Storm Lake on October 29, 1984, at the age of 83 years, 8 months. Maren Marie Nielsen was born February 27, 1901, at Gronhoj of Ingstrup, Denmark, to Lars Christian Nielsen and Louise Jensen Nielsen. She was the fifth in a family of twelve.

Marie was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in the state church of Ingstrop Communa. She attended school at the village of Gronhoj through the age of 14. After this time she was employed to do domestic work near her home and then in Copenhagen. On October 18, 1919, she set sail to come to the United States and "keep house" for her older brother, Niels Nielsen, near Alta, Iowa. It was in this area that she met Adolph Gregersen, with whom she was united in marriage September 1, 1920. They established their home on a farm in Howard County near Cresco, Iowa. A joyous time for Marie was the arrival of her sister, Ella Nielsen, in November, 1924. She left Denmark to live in America.

In 1928 Adolph and Marie moved back to the Alta area, where they continued farming until 1964 when they retired to their home on Cherokee Street of Alta. Adolph died in September, 1976 and Marie continued living in this house which she loved. She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and LCW in Alta.

She is survived by her children: Lillian (Mrs. Melvin Swanson) of Alta, Clara (Mrs. Melvin Samuelson) of Storm Lake, Vivian (Mrs. Donald Toomer) of Nemaha, Kenneth Gregersen of Muscatine, and their spouses. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren; four sisters: Mrs. Donald Miles (Ella) of Riceville, Anna Christensen, Carla Jensen, and Laura Ellitsgaard of Denmark; nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Services

Funeral services were held on November 1, 1984 at 10:30 a.m. from the Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta with Pastor John Chadwick officiating. Three hymns, "Children of the Heavenly Father", "Beautiful Savior", and "For All the Saints", were sung by the congregation accompanied at the organ by Linda Glienke. Attendants were Garny Gaffey, Clayton, Porter, William Plander, Gregory Toomer, Jay Coon, Stephen Gregersen, Kristopher Gregersen and Jeff Porter. Interment was in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery at Storm Lake under the direction of the Jones Funeral Home of Alta.