

## Adolph M. Gregersen

Adolph M. Gregersen, 901 Cherokee St., Alta, passed away at the Alta Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Sept. 22 of cancer at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 13 days.

He was born Feb. 9, 1897 at Hunsup Thy Denmark to Chresten and Karen Langballe Gregersen. He was the oldest of none children and the only family member to immigrate to the United States.

He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in the state church at Hunstrup, Denmark. He attended the village school at Hunstrup until he was 14 years of age and then worked as a farm laborer.

In March of 1916, at the age of 19, he immigrated to America and found work as a farm laborer and in tiling farm land, which many of the Danish immigrants did.

On Sept. 5, 1918 he was inducted into the U.S. Army and with his induction he became a naturalized citizen. Following his discharge in Jan. 1919 he worked on a farm north of Alta.

On Sept. 1, 1920 he was united in marriage to Marie Nielsen at Storm Lake. They established their first home on a farm near Cresco. In 1928 they moved back to the Alta area where he farmed until his retirement in 1964.

He is survived by his widow, Marie, three daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Lillian) Swanson of Alta, Mrs. Melvin (Clara) Samuelson, Storm Lake. Donald (Vivian) Toomer of Nemaha; and one son Kenneth Gregersen of Muscatine; 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Two surviving members of his immediate family reside in Denmark, a sister Elizabeth Lynge of Thy, Denmark, and a brother Henry Gregersen of Copenhagen.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta on Saturday, September 25, at 10:30 A.M. with Pastor Duane Olson officiating assisted by Pastor Michael Last of Spencer.

Attendants were Gregory Toomer, Stephen Gregersen, Kristopher Gregersen, Clayton Porter, William Plander, Donald Witzel, Garand Gaffey and Jay Coon.

Three hymns "Beautiful Savior", "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage", and "Children of the Heavenly Father" were sung by the congregation accompanied at the organ by Becky Stille.

Interment was in the Buena Vista Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Jones Funeral Home of Alta.