

**OBITUARY**—Mrs. Wm. M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Evenson returned Thursday from Lake Preston, S. D., where they had been to attend the funeral of Mr. Evenson's sister. The following obituary is taken from the Lake Preston Times:

Mrs. Wm. M. Johnson, nee Clara Josephine Evenson, was born in Baldwin, Wis., Feb. 15th, 1880. She was confirmed in North Rush Lutheran church at Baldwin, Wis., by Rev. Rosenquist on May 5th, 1895.

Her school days and young womanhood were spent amid the scenes of her early childhood. She was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. M. Johnson on May 10th, 1901, the new home being established at Baldwin, where they continued to reside until nine years ago when they came to South Dakota. After living at Huron for six months, they came to Lake Preston and have since made their home among us, being respected as good neighbors and friends by every acquaintance. To this union two children were born, Evelyn who is in her eighteenth year, and Russell who is nearing his sixteenth birthday.

Mrs. Johnson commenced to fail in health in June, 1919, and it was soon found that she was suffering from diabetes. She immediately went to Waukesha, Wis., where for a number of weeks she underwent treatments for this disease. She seemed to be considerably improved upon her return, but it proved to be only for a short time. This winter she decided to seek help from a specialist in Sioux Falls, hoping that some means might be found to restore her health. But it was not to be so. After going to Sioux Falls, she returned home only once for a couple of days' visit. She continued to take the treatments, yet gradually failed and became weaker, until Friday morning at 7 o'clock, March 19, 1920, she quietly breathed her last. The husband had been with his wife for several days, but came home Wednesday evening as his sister-in-law was with her, only to receive a message the next morning that she was failing rapidly. Accompanied by Miss Evelyn and Mrs. J. W. Lawler, a near friend of Mrs. Johnson, the trip to Sioux Falls was made by auto Thursday in time to be with her in her last hours.

Besides the husband and two children, who are heart-stricken by her death, the deceased is mourned by our sisters and three brothers, namely Mrs. Conrad Olson, Mrs. Sam C. Larson and Mrs. Peter K. Larson of Baldwin, Wis.; Mrs. Ed Hellenan of Superior, Wis.; Ed C. Evenson of Hannaford, N. D.; Melvin C. Evenson of Parshall, N. D., and O. C. Evenson of Baldwin, Wis., all of whom were present at the funeral services in this place on Monday except the two latter who were unable to leave home. Besides these relatives, one sister and four brothers of Mr. Johnson were present at the funeral. Mrs. Johnson's father died

about ten years ago and her mother three years ago.

Mrs. Johnson was a kind hearted and lovable woman, always cheerful and contented, a housekeeper who in every way provided for the comforts and happiness of her husband and children. Even in sickness and suffering, she bore it patiently and did not complain. Of course she had a strong desire to recover to remain with her husband and children, feeling as every thoughtful mother would feel that they needed her. However, as it became evident to her that she was fading away, she said to her husband that if it was the Lord's will that she should go, that she was satisfied that His will be done.

One of the sad features of her death and burial was that their son, Russell, who had just recovered from scarlet fever, could not be released from quarantine at the family home until yesterday. The remains were therefore brought from Sioux Falls on Friday evening and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawler. On the way to church for the funeral, the casket was carried to the front of the family home so Russell could from the porch look upon the face of his mother for the last time.

Mrs. Johnson was an active and honored member of the Eastern Star lodge, and the last sad rites of the order were given her just before the funeral.

Short services were held at the J. W. Lawler home at 1:30 and from the Lutheran church at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, March 22, conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. M. Vestermoe, and the burial took place in the Lake Preston cemetery. The church with which she had been affiliated and an active worker since residing in Lake Preston was not large enough to hold all the friends and neighbors who sought to pay their last respects. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful.

To the husband and children are extended the sincere sympathy of every acquaintance in their great bereavement.

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