

P. A. Peterson.

Peter America Peterson was born in Calmar, Iowa, October 24, 1864: he departed this life in his room at St. Paul on Saturday, February 11th at 1:30 a.m. being 68 years 3 months and 18 days of age.

Mr. Peterson was the first child born to his parents on American soil hence the name, America, was given him.

When he was two years of age he came with his parents to Freeborn county, Minnesota, and has since resided on the same farm, save for four years following his marriage to Miss Caroline Schmidt when they resided on a farm near Kiester.

This was the first marriage to be solemnized in the Mansfield Lutheran church which had recently been built.

To this union were born seven children: Rena,, Manville, Fred Alexander, Anetta, Henrietta and Rosetta. The two eldest having preceded their father in death having died in infancy. He also leaves to mourn his loss, besides the wife and five children eight grandchildren and two brothers, A. A. Peterson of Beauford, Minn. and Otto Peterson of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mr. Peterson was one of the widest known men in the county having spent one full term as state representative in 1913 and having been re-elected in 1932. He also has held many positions of trust and honor in this local community having served as president of the Union Creamery Co. since 1914, and in various other positions.

He was known as a man of honor and integrity and a Christian gentleman. Ever ready to champion the right as he saw it and equally as quick to denounce the wrong. As a champion of the common people he was untiring in his efforts to protect their rights and plead their cause. It was this urge that sent him back to represent his district in this trying period of financial depression.

Mr. Peterson was one to attract attention wherever he went. His wonderful physique and deep bass voice made him a marked man. The robust health which he enjoyed until shortly before his demise enabled him to drive on at a terrific pace.

As a young man Mr. Peterson united with the United Brethren Church at Kiester and has remained an active member of this organization until his death. In his

church associations he has ever been a liberal supporter not only of his own church but also of others who needed support. He loved the music of the church and his bass voice has lent itself to the singing of the Lord's praises for many years. He was at various times a member of the musical organizations of the church.

His happy Christian spirit and uncomplaining disposition made him a husband to be loved and respected, a father whose memory will ever be a treasure and a neighbor who will be sorely missed.

The widow and family wish to express their gratitude to all who have so kindly sought to make their sorrow and loss easier to bear.