

Obituary: Johanna Lundborg Paulson

Mrs. Johanna Lundborg Paulson, pioneer woman of Kandiyohi county and a survivor of West Lake Massacre of 1862, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martin Quamme, in Kerkhoven, township on Monday, March 21, 1916 after a four week illness; she had however been failing in health for several years.

She was born December 21, 1848 at Skovde socken, Algustorp Pastorat, Vastergotland, Sweden. With her parents, Andreas and Lena Lundborg, and her brothers Johannes, Andreas, Gustaf, Lars and little Samuel, she came to this country in 1861 where the family settled near West Lake, Kandiyohi county, Minnesota.

In the Indian outbreak on the 20th of August, 1862, her brothers Anders, Gustaf and Lars were killed and Samuel was wounded. The nearly heartbroken parents then left with their children for St. Paul where they resided about a year. In 1863, the family came to Carver where they stayed until Johanna was confirmed. In the fall of 1865, the Lundborg family came to Nest Lake and the following spring settled again on their old homestead near West Lake. Later Johanna went to St. Cloud to attend school, making her home with a family by the name of Bennett. Here she stayed until her mother's illness necessitated her return home.

In 1869, she was married to Erick Paulson, who served in the army during the Civil War. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lundblad at the old log church near New London. The young couple bought the Lundborg farm in Section 6, town of Arctander, settled there and with hard work and skillful management made this farm one of the finest in the county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paulson of which five are now living and all married. The children are: Samuel of Ortonville, Peter of Willow City, N.D., Lewis on the old homestead, Emma, now Mrs. Martin Quamme of Kerkhoven township, and Selma, now Mrs. A.G. Spiess of Garvin, Minn. There are nine grandchildren. The eldest daughter, Lena, with whom Mrs. Paulson lived for six years died about a year ago. She was married to Mr. Bernt Thompson and lived at Swift Falls.

The funeral which took place at the Quamme home and West Norway Lake church, Saturday March 25 was, in spite of very bad roads, well attended. The floral contributions were the most beautiful seen in the church. Miss Cora Byna played some beautiful selections on the piano and Rev. Sotendahl conducted the funeral sermon at the church and the solemn rites at the grave where the remains rest in West Norway Lake cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Jacob Ramstad, Andrew Johnson, John Eliason, Thosten Quamme, P. A Gandrud, and Ole Ellingboe.

All the children of the deceased were present, her husband and aged brother Samuel of Cologne, Minn. Mr. Lundborg, who has all his life felt the painful effect of the

wound he received when a boy of nine, is now a lonely man, his wife having died a few weeks before his sister.

Mrs. Paulson was a kind, warm-hearted, Christian woman, and she will be missed not only by her dear relatives, but also by the many friends and neighbors in this community.