

PEDERSON, John Berger

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**FUNERAL SERVICES  
FOR JOHN PEDERSON  
TO BE HELD TODAY**

Funeral services for John B. Pederson, 72, Freeman, who died suddenly Monday night, will be held today (Thursday) at 1:30 at the home and at 2 o'clock from Bangs Lutheran Church.

Mr. Pederson is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Joseph Gran, Viborg, Mrs. Leonard Holm, Viborg, Oliver Pederson, Irene, and Peder, at home. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister.

Obituary will be published in next week's Enterprise.

**Last Rites Held For  
John B. Pederson  
At Bangs Lutheran**

Funeral services were held for John B. Pederson, 72, Freeman, S. Dak., on Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 1:30 from the home and at 2 o'clock from Bangs Lutheran Church. Rev. John Helgeson of the Midway Parish officiated. Pianist was Mrs. Jorgen Brakvatne, and soloists were Mrs. Elmer Larsen, who sang "Beyond the Sunset", and Curtis Andersen, who sang "Behold A Host Arrayed in White" and "Safe In The Arms of Jesus". Pallbearers were six nephews: Lawrence Wek, Andrew Wek, Reuben Jensen, Howard Pederson, Wilbur Foss and Kenneth Gullickson. Interment was in Bangs Lutheran Church cemetery. The Viborg Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

John Berger Pederson, son of Ole I. and Johnanna Pederson, was born July 4th, 1882, in Starheim, Norway, and baptized in the Lutheran Starheim's Eids Church in Norway. He came to America with his parents at the age of four years.

In the year of 1898 he was confirmed by Rev. Bruch in the Bangs Lutheran Church, to which he was a faithful and devout member.

On February 14, 1909, he was united in marriage to Anna Jorstad, daughter of Peter and Ottine Jorstad of Freeman, S. Dak., at the Jorstad home by Rev. John Levorson.

To this union were born five children: Olga (Mrs. Joseph Gran); Helen (Mrs. Leonard Holm), both of Viborg; Oliver of Irene, and Peder at home. He was preceded in death by a son, Selmer, who gave his life in service of his country in World War II; also his son-in-law, Raymond Gustafson, his parents, two brothers and three sisters. With the exception of seven years spent in North Dakota, he has lived in this community his entire life.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, two daughters, two sons, 12 grandchildren, one sister, Inga, of Tacoma, Wash., two brothers, Ole of Freeman, and Gust of Boyles, Canada, many relatives, and a host of friends.

A few years ago he suffered a stroke and since that time his health had been failing. On Monday, Dec. 13th, he became ill and was taken to the Viborg Clinic where he passed away the same night.

He was a kind and loving husband, father and grandfather, and friend.

Blessed be his memory.