

September 21, 1950

Olaf Gustafson

(From Claremont Correspondent)

Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 10th, at 2:00 p. m., at the Augustana Lutheran church for Olaf Gustafson, 70, a long-time resident of the Claremont vicinity, who died on Friday at the Britton hospital, after a six weeks' illness. The Rev. C. T. Seeburg of Webster officiated. The "Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" were sung by Mrs. G. W. Pierson, Mrs. Jesse Alberts, A. T. Hagen and Homer Swanson, with Mrs. Elvert Swanson, pianist. Carl and Manley Green sang, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," with Mrs. Pierson pianist.

Olaf Gustafson was born in Sweden, March 8, 1880, and came to South Dakota in 1904 to the Claremont vicinity, where for many years he did carpenter work as well as farming. He was united in marriage to Lydia Wockenfuss at Aberdeen on March 22, 1922. To this union four children were born, one daughter preceding him in death.

~~He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lydia Gustafson, and four children, two of whom are in the Claremont vicinity.~~
With them of Claremont, two daughters, Marion and Lois, at home, and four sisters and three brothers.

Pall bearers were: Harry Quist, Oscar Anderson, J. A. Akerson, Alick Nelson, Eric Davidson and Gust Davidson. Burial was in the Groton cemetery.

Mr. Gustafson was a member of the Augustana church, where he served as Deacon the past twenty years. He was a true and loving husband and father, a good friend and neighbor, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A. Paetznick of Groton was in charge of arrangements.