

MRS. MARIA FALK DIES AT AGE OF 88

Funeral Services Conducted Here Tuesday. (Feb. 5, 1935)

Mrs. Maria Falk, aged, 88, died Friday afternoon at the Bethel hospital following a short illness. Her body was laid to rest Tuesday, funeral services being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stoesz and at the First Mennonite church.

The church services were opened by the Rev. Jacob Stoesz, and the Rev. I. J. Dick followed with a German sermon, after which the Rev. John Bartel made closing remarks in the English language. A mixed choir sang.

Following is the obituary read at the services:

Our dear mother, Maria Falk, nee Rempel, was born on April 17, 1846 in Bergthal, South Russia. On July 4th, 1866, she was united in marriage to our father, Peter Falk. Father died on the 30th of March, 1922.

In 1876 our parents emigrated to America and came to Butterfield, Minn., where they made their home on a farm north of town. Through hard work, frugality and faith in God they made their living and established their own home.

In 1910 they moved to Mountain Lake to spend the rest of their days in retirement. Two years later mother experienced a very serious siege of sickness. For six weeks we had no hope for her recovery. But after three months of good care, much prayer and the grace of God she recovered. It was the privilege of our parents to live together nearly 56 years. In the state of widowhood she lived 12 years and 10 months. Most of these years she spent in her own home. In her loneliness she always felt the immediate presence of her Lord. She diligently read the Word of God and prayed much. The welfare and salvation of her children and grand children was always the object of fervent prayer.

She adopted as a foster-child one of her grandchildren from the time he was one and one-half years, when his mother died. She brought him up as her own child.

During the last four of five years she was often with her children, and the last two years she stayed at the home of her son-in-law, John P. Eitzen. For about a month she did not feel very well and the last two days of her life her condition became serious. On Friday noon, Feb. 1st, her life came to an end for which she had been anxiously waiting. She reached the age of 88 years, 9 months and 14 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure, 5 children; 29 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 1 brother and 2 sisters. The children are: Mrs. Peter Stoesz and Mrs. John Eitzen residing here; Mrs. Peter Pankratz of Frazer,