

Ben Raaen Obituary.

Ben Raaen, as was reported in our last issue, died at Saskatoon, Canada, last Tuesday morning, following an operation for gallstones and rupture. I. I. Raaen and M. T. Arlien left for there the Saturday before, and the body was brot here on Friday of last week, the funeral being held at once and interment being made in the Sheyenne Cemetery. Mrs. Ben Raaen and her mother, Mrs. Gratiias accompanied the corpse.

Ben Raaen was born in Wilnesheik County, Iowa, on April 13th, 1870, and died June 5, 1917, and was thus 47 years, 1 month and 22 days old at his death. In the early 80's he moved to the Sheyenne country, where he commenced farming on a half section in Bergen township, where he prospered and remained until six years ago when he disposed of the farm and moved to Fargo with his family.

In 1898 he was married to Julia Gratiias, this union being blessed with six-children, five of whom are now living to mourn the death of a loving father. A few years ago he took over a tract of land in Saskatchewan, and with his family moved out there. Mr. Raaen was a quiet sort of a fellow and made fast friends of all who came in contact with him, and a large circle of friends were grieved to hear of his demise. Besides the wife and children, he leaves a sister, Mrs. M. T. Arlien, and a brother, I. I. Raaen. According to his specific request, the youngest child, a babe of two months, was baptized in the Sheyenne Church at his funeral, receiving the name of Beatrice Fern.

A large number of friends were gathered to pay their last respects to the departed friend. In the absence of the local ministers, the German Lutheran minister of the south church read the funeral rites and spoke consoling words to the wife and daughter, Irene, the only ones of the family to be present at the funeral.—Pekin Budget.