

Gustav L. Tastad

A pioneer of the Loreburn district, Gustav L. Tastad, passed away at his home here on Friday May 24th, at the age of 78 years after an illness of several months.

The deceased was born in Stavanger, Norway, on February 9, 1879. He immigrated to the United States in 1896 making his home at Pierpont, South Dakota, where he followed his trade as a blacksmith. On March 22, 1906, he was united in marriage to Hanna Syhre. In 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Tastad moved to the Hawarden district and in 1920, they moved to a farm in the Loreburn district, retiring to the village in 1953.

Mr. Tastad's chief interests in life were the church and school. He assisted in the organization of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and was one of the charter members. He was also an ardent gardener and leaves a living memorial in the trees he has planted on the boulevards near his home.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved wife, Hanna; three daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Olson, Mrs. Jennie Ferkingstad and Gudrun Tastad of Loreburn; six sons, Peder and Edward of Strongfield, Norman of Watrous, George, Byron and Walter of Loreburn; also three brothers and five sisters.

The funeral was held from Skudesness Luthern Church on Tuesday, May 28th. Rev. R. Snipstead of Saskatoon conducted the service, assisted by K. Knutson of Elbow, and Rev. R. Monkman of Saskatoon. During the service, two duets were sung, one by Mr. and Mrs. O. Akre of Strongfield and the other by Rev. R. and Mrs. Snipstead.

Honorary pallbearers were Wm. Vaughan, W. L. Peardon, George Dodds, M. Langager, Bob Reed, M. Akre, L. Kerney and J. Hogan. Casket bearers were the six sons, Walter, Byron, George, Norman, Peder and Edward. Burial took place in the Skudesness cemetery.