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Halvor and Martha Olsen



Husband's Full Name: Halvor Olsen

Husband's Place of Birth: Norway

Husband's Father's Name: Ola Langedal Olsen

Husband's Mother's Name: Ingebjorg Olsdatter

Husband's Siblings' Names: Ola, Ola, Halvor, Kari, Berit, Knut

Wife's Full Name: Martha Rogness

Wife's Place of Birth: Manfred, North Dakota

Wife's Father's Name: Nikolai Rogness

Wife's Mother's Name: Everina Lunderness Hauge

Wife's Siblings' Names: Selma, Elvina Lars, Sophie, Ole, Nora, Anna, Elvin, Ellen

Children's Names: Norma Holweger, Oscar Olsen

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Halvor's Obituary

Halvor Olsen was born in Norway on December 27, 1889. On June 18, 1921 he married Martha Rogness at Manfred. They farmed in that community until 1940 when they moved into Manfred.

For many years Mr. Olsen was a trustee of the Vang Lutheran Church. A veteran of World War I, the World War History of Wells County lists his record as follows:

Halvor entered the service September 18, 1917. He was sent overseas July 31, 1918 and went into action September 12 and served in the St. Mihiel and Argonne offensives. He was wounded October 23 in the Argonne Forest.

Mr. Olsen died at the Harvey Hospital a few minutes after his admittance on Monday, August 27, 1956.

Besides his wife Martha he leaves a daughter Mr. Albert (Norma) Holwegner of Minot, a son Oscar of Manfred, two brothers and a sister in Norway; and two grandchildren, David and Barbara Holwegner.

Martha Olsen - Obituary - November 16, 1988

Martha Olsen, 89, Bismarck, formerly of Manfred, died Monday, November 7, 1988 in a Bismarck nursing home. Her funeral was Thursday in Vang Lutheran Church, Manfred with burial in the church cemetery.

Martha Rogness was born June 1, 1899 to Nickolai and Everina Rogness on a farm near Manfred, where she was raised and educated in a rural school.

She married Halvor Olsen in 1921 at Manfred. They farmed in the Manfred area until 1939 when they moved into Manfred. Mr. Olsen died in 1956. She had worked at the Clarence Parker Hotel, Minot on a seasonal basis, and at the Holwegner's Jack and Jill, Harvey. She moved to Bismarck 1980 and entered Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center in 1986.

She was a member of the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries, Harvey, and of Vang Lutheran Church.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Albert Holwegner, Mandan, three sisters, Sophie Opdahl, Manfred, Anna Hager, Harvey, and Nora Peterson, Denver; one brother, Elvin, Chaseley and two grandchildren, David and Barbara Holwegner.