

ANDERSON - Another link with the pioneer days has been severed and the Scandia district has suffered the loss of its oldest citizen in the quiet passing of Charles John Anderson on Tuesday, Nov. 9, in Brooks Municipal Hospital. He was 87 years of age. Born in Sweden, Mr. Anderson arrived at Scandia with his son, Carl in 1917, to take up farming on the land now operated by his son Bob and where Mr. Anderson had continuously resided until a few days before his death. A huge strong man, he continued to carry on jobs around the farm up to the time of his last illness. Scandia residents will especially remember his familiar figure at irrigation time, when with a short handed shovel and rubber boots, he set about to water his land.

Mr. Anderson's contributions to this district have been many and varied. Since his home was the first to be built in this district, it was only natural that it should become the gathering place for the little community. Thus it was that the Salem Lutheran Church was organized in the Anderson home.

He continued to serve his religion and his fellowman in many ways. Some of his activities being a Sunday School teacher, deacon and builder of the present church. At the time of his passing he was serving as honorary deacon. He was very interested in the school and was a trustee for many years, was active in farm organization and privately, continued his carpentry trade.

Those privileged to know Mr. Anderson personally admired him for his courage, honesty, humor and even in his last years his keen mind and knowledge of world affairs. His neighbors and friends considered him a " grand old man."

Left to mourn his loss are two sons, Carl J. of Brooks and Robt. E. of Scandia; six daughters; Helen M. Anderson of Brooks, Mrs. Elvera Peterson of Vancouver, Wash., Mrs. Florence Bengtson of Rainier, Mrs. Mildred Boone of Edmonton, Mrs. Dortha Kall of Bowness and Mrs. Lois Warren of Calgary.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold Eriksson at Salem Lutheran Church, Scandia, on Friday, November 12, at two o'clock and burial under the direction of Smith Funeral Home Ltd., Brooks was made in the Scandia cemetery.

Pallbearers were A. T. Johnson, C. O. Johnson, Fred Anderson, Clarence Bengtson and Elvin Peterson of Scandia.

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