

## **Ida Bakke**

### **Obituary:**

Funeral services for Ida Bakke, 88, of Thief River Falls were held today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at Newfolden at the Westaker Lutheran Church. A former resident of the Newfolden community, Ida Bakke died Saturday at Northwestern hospital.

Rev. Merle Knutson officiated at the services. Mrs. Raymond Tunheim was the organist and Mrs. Floyd Bakke, the soloist. Interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery. The Green Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Floyd Bakke, Harlen Bakke, Larry Bakke, Bertil Bakke, Andy Bakke and Arvin Bakke.

Ida Bakke was born July 31, 1886 in Marsh Grove township, Marshall county, to Peder and Agnetta Bakke, now deceased. She attended school and grew to womanhood in Marsh Grove. For several years, she was employed as a seamstress in a dress shop at Grand Forks, N.D. She later moved to Minneapolis and worked there for many years. Since 1956, she made her home in Thief River Falls. For the past two years, she has been a resident at the Convalescent and Nursing care center at Northwestern hospital. Before becoming a resident at CNC, she lived for six years at Valley Home. She never married.

Surviving are two brothers: Gilbert and Adolph Bakke, both of Newfolden; four sisters: Mrs. Amanda Lewis, Mrs. Olga Johnson, both of Thief River Falls, Mrs. Clara Frederick of Chula Vista, Calif., and Mrs. Aubrey Lopp of Brainerd; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters.

When Ida P Bakke was born on July 31, 1886, in Marsh Grove, Minnesota, her father, Peder, was 28, and her mother, Agnetta, was 27. She had two brothers and six sisters. She died on June 7, 1975, in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, at the age of 88.



### **Les Bakke Remembers:**

Ida, being the oldest child did as many other oldest children stayed at home and helped her parents raise her brothers and sisters. For doing this, she was rewarded by her parents with a phonograph purchased in the early 1900s. The phonograph along with many vinyl records is in my possession and still works. It is in great shape and does not appear to have been reconditions in any way.

According to census records, Ida spent her life at home in Marsh Grove and Thief River Falls. I remember Ida as a warm and happy person. When I was pretty young living on the farm, Ida and Amanda came from Thief River Falls to help collect June berries and again in the fall to collect nuts. Ida was really nice to me and little brother Larry.

In going through family documents, I found a couple of interest.

The next photo is of Ida and her youngest sister Minnie. I do not know when or where it was taken.



In an old Social Security envelope, I found Ida's confirmation certificate. Why was it in a Social Security envelope, I have no idea, but here it is.



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*J. A. K.*  
 født 31<sup>de</sup> Juli 1886  
 konfirmeret 19<sup>de</sup> Juli 1903.  
 i Warren Presb. Luth. Menighed  
 Marshall Co. Minnesota

*J. A. K.*  
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Peder and Agnetta Bakke purchased this phonograph for their oldest daughter Ida because she agreed to stay home and help raise the other children and to help take care of her parents. Ida never married. The phonograph is in excellent condition, works and includes several old 78 rpm records.