

HENKE, SOPHIA LOUISE
December 24, 1856-November 11, 1932

Mrs. Sophia Louise Henke, a pioneer of the Sibylee ranching country for 45 years, departed this life at her home in Wheatland, Friday, November 11th. Mrs. Henke had not been in good health for a number of years but did not let this keep her from an active life.

Funeral services were held from the Congregational church Sunday afternoon with Rev. G. Karkau, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church performing the final rites. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery with the Lyla Watson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sophia Henke was born in Germany, December 24, 1856. In her youth, she was received into membership in the church of God through baptism. About 45 years ago she came to America. For a time, she lived in the east. Later she came to Laramie and there met Rudolph Henke. In 1887 they were married and homesteaded on the Sibylee. Born to this union were five children, who mourn her departure, Fritz and Otto Henke, Mrs. Wilhelmina Swan, Mrs. Julia Smith and Mrs. Mabel Dearing. Her husband preceded her into eternity eight years ago. She became a member of the Trinity Lutheran church and although she was not well for a number of years, she regularly attended services and took an active part in the work of the Ladies Aid. On Friday, she fell asleep in the Lord, having reached the age of 75 years, 10 months and 17 days. Mourning her death besides her children are 7 grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Carolina Goetz of Glendale, Calif., and a host of friends.