JESPERSEN, Niels Christian

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FUNERAL SERVICES AT OUR SAVIOR'S FOR NIELS C. JESPERSEN

Funeral services for Niels C. Jespersen, long-time resident of this community, will be held today (Thursday, May 18) at 2 o'clock from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Viborg, led by Pastor Paul Petersen. A prayer service was held Wednesday evening at the Fraternal Funeral Home. Mr. Jespersen died suddenly at his home on Sunday afternoon. Burial will be at the Bethania Cemetery, 3 miles west of Viborg. Pallbearers: Kermit Holm, Ellsworth Danielsen, Harold Miller, Peder Buck, Shomer Jensen and Dwight Andersen.

Niels Christian Jespersen was born in Lincoln County, South Dakota, on April 30, 1890, to Ane Kathrine Jespersen. Three months before he was born, his father, Niels Jespersen, preceded him in death. His mother moved from Chicago, Illinois, to live with a brother, Soren Andersen, and his family. She later married Jens Peter Danielsen.

Niels Jespersen spent all of his life in the vicinity of Viborg, South Dakota, with the exception of a summer visit with members of his family in Denmark in 1914.

On March 24, 1915, he was married to Ludevikke Buck. To this union six children were born: Ronald of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Neelna Clausen of Oakland, California; Harold of Detroit, Michigan; Dagmar Johnson of Sioux Falls; Raymond of Viborg; and Edith Kaarup of Sioux Falls. Ludevikke Jespersen died in 1956.

In 1958 he was married to Edna Matson Monk, who lived with him on the farm on which he lived for fifty-two years. He is survived by his wife, Edna, by his six children, by four step-children, by sixteen grandchildren, and by his brother, Dan Danielsen, and his sister, Marie Holm.

Niels Jespersen was a life-long member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, serving on its council in various capacities for thirty-two years. He was also a member of the Viborg IOOF and the Viborg Danish Brotherhood. He also had a constant and continuing interest in many service groups and organizations of the area.

He died suddenly at his home on Sunday afternoon, May 14, 1967, sixteen days after what was probably the high point of his life. On his seventy-seventh birthday he was honored at a surprise party by the congregation, and for which all his children came home.