BENSON, Burton

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Funeral Held For Burton Benson

Services were held at the Harmony Presbyterian Church of Hurley on Friday, January 10th, 1992 at 1:30 p.m., for Burton Benson, who died on January 7, 1992 at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. Rev. Mark Strothmann officiated at the service, with Mary Lynn Elsberry as organist, and Robert Sanborn, soloist.

Pallbearers were Kendel Tronbak, Pete Andersen, Jon Parsons, Jay Parsons, Jim Reiners, and Larry Petersen. Ushers were Sid Elcock, Wes Olesen, and Ken Larson. Mickey Jensen was at the registrar. He was laid to rest in the Hurley City Cemetery.

Burton Benson, son of Dewey and Marie (Andersen) Benson was born on May 30, 1925 on the farm called Cloverdale near Hurley. When he was five, the family moved to a farm south of Hurley where he grew up attending a local grade school and graduated from Hurley High School in 1943.

On February 14, 1949 he married Cleo Knudsen at the Turkey Valley Baptist Church near Irene. To this union was born two sons, Kent and Kim.

He farmed near Hurley all his life and was also a carpenter and has done many remodeling jobs in the area. He formed the Benson Construction Company which employed his sons and several other young men.

Burton loved hunting and spent many hours at Mud Lake and Swan Lake hunting ducks and likewise hunting deer in Turner County. He thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Turner County Crow Hunt for many years. Burton also coached PeeWee baseball in the open field between the Hurley Elevator and Highway #19.

Burton was an active member of Harmony Presbyterian Church where he had been a Sunday School teacher and a Trustee and a member of the former Mariners Club. He engineered many of the building and repairing jobs at the church.

Due to failing health, Burton retired from farming in 1990. He still enjoyed hunting and also took great pride in his two grandchildren, Sheena age 9, and Seth age 3-1/2.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Cleo, two sons, Kent of Lincoln, Nebraska and Kim and his wife Jeanette of Armstrong, Iowa, two grandchildren Sheena and Seth Benson; his mother, Marie Benson Hallickson of Sioux Falls, a step father, Henry Hallickson, Sioux Falls, two brothers Robert and Boyd of Hurley, one sister Mrs. Gene (Betty) Bright and many nieces and nephews and a special friend and hunting partner, Kendel Tronbak.

Preceding him in death were his father Dewey and an infant brother Donnie Lee.