

CHRISTENSEN, Henry

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HENRY CHRISTENSEN

Henry Christensen was born January 16th, 1883, and was called by death on October 8th, 1951, having attained an age of 68 years, 8 months and 22 days. Though he was suffering from other serious illnesses, the terminal illness was attributed to a heart attack which he suffered but a few hours before death.

He was born on the farm homestead of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews Christensen, who lived in the Spring Valley area the remainder of their lives. He attended the local public schools and during his young adulthood did carpenter work in the rapidly developing community. He was united in marriage to Jennie Jensen, also of that community, on Dec. 15th, 1917. Five children were born to that union and one preceded him in death. Allen is with the armed forces and at present stationed at Kansas City, Mo. Floyd is practicing medicine at Remsen, Ia. Maxine, a nurse, is employed in Mitchell, S. Dak., Marcine is employed as a telephone operator at Viborg. James Garfield, the youngest, died during childhood in the year 1937. There are two grandchildren, Mary Jean and Kathy Ann, who are children of his son Floyd.

Surviving relatives other than the widow and children are his brothers and sisters: Peter, Lewis, Harry and Alfred; Mrs. George Berthelsen, Mrs. Charley Jensen, Mrs. Nels Berthelsen, and Mrs. Freddy Christensen, all of whom live in surrounding communities. A brother, Andrew, died in 1948.

After his marriage, a farm home was purchased in Spring Valley Township west of Hurley, where all his children were born and raised. He was actively engaged in farming in that community until his retirement three years ago. He continued to reside at his farm home until three months ago when he moved to Hurley because of failing health.

His sorrowed family continue to remember him as devoted and ever ready to make sacrifices for their advancement and welfare. Even during his last months he rarely mentioned his personal grievances and was optimistic and more concerned about the comfort of his family.

He joined the Spring Valley Lutheran Church in September, 1923, and has maintained active membership since.

Interment was at Spring Valley Lutheran Church on October 12th, 1951. Pallbearers were: Roy Christensen, Howard Berthelsen, Glen Christensen, Glenn Johnson, Orville Jensen, and Orville Nelson.