MORTENSON, Kenneth George

March 23, 1906
Viborg
December 28, 1937
Clearwater, Nebraska

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YOUNG MAN PASSES AWAY

Kenneth George Mortenson, youngest son of J. M. and Gertrude Mortenson, was born at Viborg, S. D., March 23rd, 1906, and died at Clearwater, Nebraska on December 28th, 1937, being 31 years, 9 months of age.

In 1916 at the age of 10 years Kenneth was afflicted with infantile paralysis. After partially recovering he was taken by his mother to McLains Orthopedic Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., where he took treatments for two and half years and so far recovered from the effects of the disease that he was able to get about with the use of a cane.

In spite of his handicap he went through school and graduated as an honor student from the Viborg High school. After graduating from high school he went to State College at Brookings and took a course in linotype operating and he followed this vocation for eleven years until his health started failing. A naturally cheerful disposition was marred by frequent illnesses, but he carried on with rare courage.

At the time of his death he was employed as a book-keeper for the Clearwater Motor Company, which is owned by his aunt and cousins.

He leaves to mourn his loss his mother, Gertrude Mortenson, Viborg, three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. R. F. Billings, Franklin, Minn., Marie, Omaha, Nebr., Mrs. Ed Strathman, Omaha, Nebr., Marvin, Minneapolis, Minn., and Howard, Wakonda, S. Dak., several nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends. A twin brother, Keith, and his father preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Viborg Methodist church, Friday, December 31, with the Reverend W. Morris Kildal officiating. Appropriate musical numbers were furnished by Mrs. Royal Glood, Miss Ethel Flint, and Mr. Lloyd Jorgenson. The Messers Everett Nelson, Miller Nelson, Glenn Johnson, Eddie Madsen, Harry Christensen, and Joe Hansen served as pallbearers. Interment followed at the Rosehill cemetery.

Rest, weary heart
From all thy silent grief and pain,
Thy profitless regrets and longings vain;
Wisdom and love have ordered all the past,
All shall be blessedness and joy at last;
Cast off the cares that have so long oppressed,
And rest, sweetly rest.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who extended sympathy or who helped us in any way in the loss of our beloved son and brother. Especially do we thank Rev. Kildal for his message of comfort and those who provided the special music.

Mrs. J. M. Mortensen,
and Family