

July 21, 1881
Denmark
September 12, 1957
Viborg

September 19, 1957

ALFRED J. MORGENSEN

Funeral services for Alfred J. Mogensen, who passed away on Sept. 12th after a long illness, were held on Sunday afternoon at Bethany Lutheran Church. Rev. K. R. Jensen officiated, and Ray Bak sang "Just As I Am" and "Beautiful Savior", accompanied by Carol Fletcher.

Pallbearers were: Carl Lauridsen, Paul Varnum, Arthur Swensen, Anton Jacobsen, Andrew Hansen and Jorgen Danielsen. Interment was at Bethania Cemetery with the Viborg Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. After the interment lunch was served by the Willing Workers and sisterhood of the D. B. S. to about 100 relatives and friends.

Obituary of Alfred J. Mogensen written by himself in 1954:

I, Alfred Jensinius Mogensen, was born July 21st, 1881, to Mr. and Mrs. John Mogensen in Kleminsker Parish, Bornholm, Denmark. In the Spring of 1886 I came with my parents and a younger brother to the United States. We settled on a farm in Putnam County, Illinois. There I attended public school and grew to manhood. I had been baptized as a child in the Lutheran Faith in Denmark. At the age of seventeen I was confirmed at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Clear Creek, Illinois.

On March 7, 1905, I was united in marriage to Caroline Wilhelmine Kaarup of Dwight, Illinois. We made our home on a farm near McNabb, Illinois. There our two children, Marie and John, were born. In the fall of 1914 we moved to Viborg, South Dakota, and settled on a farm near Hooker. Soon after that we joined Bethany Lutheran Church in Viborg. On July 3rd, 1940, my wife passed away after a long illness. For some time after that I made my home on a farm west of Centerville with my daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Petersen.

On September 7th, 1944, I was united in marriage to Mrs. Lizzie Sorensen of Viborg. At this writing we are enjoying a happy and quiet home life together.

In spite of many failures and shortcomings I have continued steadfast in the Christian Faith all through my life. As a young man it was my desire to study for the ministry; but my parents needed me at home, and money was scarce. So I had to give that up. But God gave me work to do in the Sunday School. There I began to teach shortly after my confirmation and continued to do so for almost 34 years. During many of these years I also held office in the two congregations to which I have belonged, namely Emmaus Lutheran Church of McNabb, Ill., and Bethany Lutheran Church of Viborg. I have always had a great love for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and my greatest delight has been to see the church filled with people listening to the word of God.

Thus far Mr. Mogensen. He passed away quietly at his home last Thursday evening.

He is survived by his widow and his two children, Marie, Mrs. Alfred Petersen of Centerville and John of Albert Lea, Minnesota, one grand-daughter, Marlyce of Viborg, two sisters, Mrs. Carl Nelson of McNabb, Ill., and Mrs. Newman Mepzler of Waukegan, Ill., and one brother, Hans of McNabb, Ill. The following step-children also survive: Nels Sorensen of Sioux Falls, Mrs. Dewey Petersen of Yankton, and Mrs. Roy Mikkelsen of Irene and their families.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to extend our sincere thanks to all our relatives, friends and neighbors for all the kind deeds done during the illness and death of our loved one. Thanks for flowers, memorial gifts, and all the lovely cards. Thanks to Rev. Jensen for his words of comfort, and also thanks to Mrs. Carter, Ray Bak and Carol Fletcher for the music furnished. Thanks to those who furnished and served the lunch and the food brought.

May God bless you all.

Mrs. Alfred Mogensen,

Marlys Mogensen,

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Petersen,

Mr. and Mrs. John Mogensen,

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Sorensen

and family,