JORGENSEN, Helen (Olesen)

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Helen Jorgensen

Helen Olesen Jorgensen was born February 12, 1909 on a farm located two miles north of Center Point. Her parents were Anton and Augusta (Mikkelsen) Olesen. She was baptized and later confirmed at Turkey Valley Lutheran Church. She went to grade school at District 47 and later in life received her high school diploma.

In early adulthood, Helen worked at many homes in the Center Point area and in Yankton. She was a clerk at the Corner Store in Viborg for seven years. She was united in marriage to Clifford Jorgensen on August 29, 1941 at Spring Valley Lutheran Church. They started farming in the Irene area and eventually purchased their farm located five miles west of Viborg. They lived on this farm until moving into Viborg in 1984. Clifford passed away on April 27, 1991. Helen became a resident of Pioneer memorial Nursing Home in 1997.

Helen was active in many church activities including Sunday School teaching, women's circle, and bible study. Helen and Clifford enjoyed traveling and were able to take a number of trips together. They also enjoyed visiting with friends and playing cards. Helen was an excellent seamstress who designed and sewed most of her clothes. She was an avid reader especially enjoying poetry and historical biographies.

Helen passed away on March 18, 2003 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital at the age of 94.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters Mae Hansen and Anne Williams, and a brother Lester Olesen.

Helen is survived by a daughter Phyllis Jorgensen of Austin, MN and many nephews and nieces.

Services were Saturday, March 22, 2003 at Spring Valley Lutheran Church, Viborg, with Pastor Steve Unzicker officiating. Marilyn Sletten was the organist and the soloist was Darrell Christensen.

Pallbearers were Kevin Huber, Jon Huber, Neil Huber, Lorie Kjergaard, Kirk Jorgensen, Jay Jorgensen, Lee Ebbesen, Wayne Larsen and John Overby. Interment was at the Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery.

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