

LAURITZEN, Martin

October 27, 1891
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March 20, 1992
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Services Held For Martin Lauritzen

Funeral service for Martin Lauritzen was held on March 20, 1992, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Viborg, SD, with Pastor Richard Steffen officiating. Organist was Mrs. Dottie Larsen with special music by Vernon Andersen. Pallbearers were Ralph Lauritzen, Donald Christensen, Niel Christensen, Arnold Christoffersen, Mark Christoffersen and Paul Christoffersen. Interment was in Rosehill Cemetery, Viborg, SD.

Martin Lauritzen was born October 27, 1891, on the farm in Grundy County, near Dwight, IL, the seventh of nine children of Hans Jorgen and Kristine (Hansen) Lauritzen.

In 1911, the family, except for the three oldest sons, immigrated to a farm four miles north of Centerville, SD, as they wished to be near the Danish Lutheran Church (Our Savior's) in Viborg. Martin was baptized into the Lutheran faith in infancy, and was a member of Our Savior's all his life in South Dakota.

On April 25, 1917, he was married to Marie Christine (Christina) Christoffersen at the bride's nearby home.

Martin farmed the Lauritzen farm until about 1920, when he rented a farm one mile west and one mile north of Viborg. About 1926, they moved to Christina's home farm, where he remained the balance of his life.

A son, Lester Russell, was born on the farm northwest of Viborg, June 27, 1923. A son, Emmet Arlin, was born on the Christoffersen farm, May 29, 1929, where he died April 18, 1959.

Christina Lauritzen died at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg, September 13, 1976. She is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Martin died at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, March 20, 1992.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers and sisters, his wife, and one son.

He is survived by his son, Lester, at home on the farm; numerous nieces and nephews and their descendants; friends and neighbors.