

NELSON, Earl Goodwin

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#### Earl Nelson

Earl Goodwin Nelson was born July 27, 1904 in Yankton County. His parents were James Peter and Thora (Hansen) Nelson.

He attended school at a Yankton County country school near his home. He married Alma Swank on June 28, 1931 at the First Christian Church in Sioux Falls. They farmed in the Spring Valley Township until retiring and moving into Viborg in 1971. He had worked for WPA on the Coffee Road. After moving to town, he worked as a handyman. Alma passed away on October 25, 1996. He was a deacon and janitor for his church. He helped organize the Viborg Senior Citizens and the Keenagers Club at church. He loved doing wood work, gardening, and being with his family.

Earl passed away on August 13, 1997 at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg. He had attained the age of 93.

He was preceded in death

by his parents, his wife, 10 brothers, 1 sister, and 2 great-granddaughters.

Earl is survived by 2 sons Dr. Terry Nelson and wife Charlotte of Evertt, Wash. and Dr. E.G. Nelson of Sioux Falls; 2 daughters Janemarie Carlson of Madison and Verna and husband Jack Barker of Centerville; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Saturday, August 16, 1997 at First Baptist Church, Viborg with Pastor Lawrence Christensen officiating. Interment at Baptist Cemetery, Viborg.