

KNUDSEN, Myrtle Marie (Swensen)

July 23, 1907
rural Irene, South Dakota
October 10, 1976
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FUNERAL SERVICES HELD THURSDAY FOR MRS. JOHN KNUDSEN

Funeral services for Mrs. John Knudsen were held from the Turkey Valley Baptist Church on Thursday, Oct. 14, with Pastor Paul Kondy and Gordon McMillan officiating. Organist was Mrs. Charles Olsen, Jr., and soloist was Mrs. Robert Knudsen who sang "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone" and "Sweet By and By". Interment was at the Turkey Valley Baptist Cemetery.

A prayer service was held at the Hansen Funeral Home on Wednesday evening, Oct. 13.

Myrtle Marie Swensen was born on July 23, 1907, to Martin L. and Tillie Swensen on a farm near Irene. She lived in the Irene area all of her life.

She graduated from the Irene High School in 1926. On November 6, 1928, she was united in marriage to John Knudsen. To this union were born three children. She accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of the Turkey Valley Baptist Church. Here she faithfully served her Lord through the many organizations within the church. Myrtle was the pianist and organist for 54 years and her music was enjoyed by many of the surrounding churches as well. She was active in several community organizations and spent much time entertaining the Sunset Manor residents with organ music.

Myrtle and John spent their married life on a farm northwest of Irene and would have observed their 48th wedding anniversary in November.

Myrtle entered the Pioneer Memorial Hospital on Sept. 24, 1976, and went to be with our Lord on Oct. 10, 1976.

She is survived by the widow; one daughter, Cleo, Mrs. Burton Benson, Hurley; two sons, Robert, Viborg, and Larry, Longmont, Colorado; six grandchildren, Kent and Kim Benson, Kelly (Mrs. Daryl Mikkelsen), Kevin, Brian and Amy Knudsen; and one great-grandchild, Jennie Mikkelsen; three brothers, Leslie, Vance and France Swensen, all of Irene; and also a host of relatives and friends.

She was a loving wife and mother and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Blessed be her memory.