His enterprising and unselfish spirit made him a leader among men. In all things concerning the upbuilding of the community and church he took a prominent part for many years.

In the year 1899 his wife died, thus suffering the loss of a good, loving wife and mother. Being a lover of family life, he later on, married Elsine Marie Jorgensen, who proceeded him in death about 10 years ago. In 1906 he bought the P. D. Olesen place, where he spent the remainder of his life. By this time Grandpa Johnson, as he was usually called, had a chance to develop his artistic and beauty loving nature. Here he planted and cultivated dainty roses beautiful flowers and scrubs, which drew visitors and admirers from far and near. It was interesting to hear Johnson explain the cultivation and nature of his flora. He could remember the scientific as well as the common names of his plants almost to the last. He had a keen intellect, wit and humor, that could be envied by many a man of fewer years.

The past few years his physical strength declined, tho' occasionally he would get in his automobile and drive to town, as he did justrecently —Nov. 14, and as usual brought home goodies to the little folk he loved so well. He was as a sturdy oak, tall and fixed, a typical decendant of the sturdy vikings, who never wavered until the grim reaper appeared on Wednesday, December 11th, 1930 about 9 A. M. when he was summoned to meet his Maker. He was the last of a sturdy family,who nearly all lived to a very old age.

Grandpa Johnson will be mourned by a host of friends; but especially will the loss be felt by his five children, namely, George, Mary (Mrs. Amond Sorenson) Peter, Martin and Carl, who all had the privilege of of being constantly at his bed-side during his last short illness. He also left 32 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren, who all will miss his tender and paternal friendship. Especially so Anna, now Mrs. Walter C. Simpson, who was brought up in Mr. Johnson's home since her mother died.

Andrew Johnson was 90 years, 7 months and 20 days old when he died; we will miss him but cherish his memory.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our personal friends and friends of Grandpa Johnson for their help and sympathy at the time of his illness and death—also for the beautiful flowers. We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Christensen for their singing at the home, the Bethania Choir and Rev. Jersild for complying with Grandpa Johnson's wish that he preach the sermon, and for the wonderful message and words of sympathy he brought to us.

—The children, the grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mr. Andrew Johnson.