MORTENSEN, Jens Martin

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OBITUARIES

Word of the passing of J. M. Mortensen, for many years a resident of Viborg, father of Postmaster Howard Mortensen, comes just as we are going to press. The end came as a shock to many friends of the family. No announcement of the funeral has been made as yet, as relatives from some distance are expected for the last rites.

LAST VIBORG PIONEER IS BURIED

J. M. Mortensen Laid to Rest Following Sudden Passing—Funeral Held Here Sunday

J. M. Mortensen, last of the original Viborg pioneers and first businessmen, passed away at his home Wednesday evening and funeral services were held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Elder Gordon Oss of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Watertown delivered the funeral sermon and was assisted by Elder Oswald and Rev. W. E. Prewitt. Special musical numbers were sung by a male quartet.

Jens Martin Mortenson, son of Frants and Laura Mortenson, was born at Hjorring, Vendsyssel, Denmark, May 21, 1962 and died Wednesday, February 15, 1933, at the age of 70 years, nine months and twenty-five days. He was taken suddenly ill late in the afternoon and passed away quietly at 7:30 P. M. from a heart attack. His wife and son Howard were at the bedside when the end came.

Mr. Mortenson came to this country in early manhood and his first job was in the Daneville store. He has lived in Turner County ever since and was one of the first residents of Viborg.

On January 7th, 1892 he was united in marriage to Gertrude C. Hansen. To this union seven children were born, six of whom usrvive as follows: Hazel, (Mrs. R. E. Billings), Franklin, Minn.; Howard R. of Viborg; Marvin J. of Sioux City, Ia.; Marie, of Omaha, Nebr.; Lorraine, (Mrs. E. J. Strathman), Omaha,Neb r.; Kenneth G. of Madison, Wis. A son Keith, died in infancy. Two brothers, Andrew and Chris of Kimball, S. Dak.; and two sisters, Anna, (Mrs. L. H. Hansen), Rapid City, S. Dak.; and Tillie, Kimball, S. Dak.; and five grandchildren, and many other relatives also survive. A brother Peter, died at Everett, Wash., during an influenza epidemic in 1920.

Mr. Mortenson was one of the early merchants in Viborg but has not been in active business since he was stricken with a serious illness several years ago. This left him an invalid and he has spent his last years at his home here, able only to do light work about the house and in the garden, tenderly cared for by his faithful and loving wife.

He will always be remembered as a kind and loving husband and father, whose greatest satisfaction in life was derived from doing something for others.

Services were held at the home, as is customary and after the rites at the church final words of comfort and the last rites were spoken at the grave in the Adventist cemetery.

The pall bearers were: N. P. Fredricksen, H. P. Sorensen, Peter Platte, O. D. Flint, Peter Kier and Martin Kier.

Out of town relatives here for the funeral included: Mrs. L. H. Hansen, Rapid City; Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hansen, Mrs. Guy Miller and Mrs. Don DePue, all of Clearwater, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hansen and family of Wakonda, Magnus Jensen and daughter Dora of Beresford and Carl C. Jensen of Wakonda.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to those who extended sympathy and assistance during our bereavement. We also wish to extend special thanks to the quartet, to those who sent flowers and for the words of comfor spoken.

—Mrs. J. M. Mortensen,
and family