

KNUDSEN, Magdalena M. "Lena"

July 18, 1884
Spring Valley Township
March 28, 1982
Yankton

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FUNERAL SERVICES HELD MARCH 31 FOR LENA KNUDSEN

Funeral services for Magdalena M. Knudsen, 97, were held at the Spring Valley Lutheran Church on Wednesday, March 31, 1982 at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Miles J. Nysetvold officiated. Organist was Mrs. Dennis Sletten. Special music was provided by the Spring Valley Choir who sang "Blessed Assurance" and "In The Sweet By and By". The congregation sang "I Need Thee Every Hour". Pallbearers were: James Jensen, Edwin Nelson, Theodore Wek, Bervin Sherard, Fred Knudsen and Gerald Kropuenske.

Interment was at Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery.

A prayer service was held Tuesday evening, March 30th at 7:30 p.m. at the Fraternal Funeral Home.

OBITUARY

Magdalena Knudsen was born in a sod house in Spring Valley Township to Jens Peter and Christena Hansen Denmark on July 18, 1884. She grew up in this area and when she was old enough she went to Lyman County where she homesteaded.

She was married to Alfred Knudsen on March 2, 1910. Their first home was on the homestead in Lyman County, later they moved back to her birthplace where they lived until retiring to their home in Viborg in 1969. During the last three years she made her home with her daughter Ada.

Lena was baptized and confirmed in the Spring Valley Lutheran Church where she was a lifetime member. An active member who for many years furnished bouquets of fresh folowers from her garden for every Sunday morning service, and within the last month was on hand to help tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

She leaves to mourn her passing her daughter Ada Johnson, two grandchildren, David and his wife Marlene, their children Stacey,

Chad and Amy; Annette Kropuenske and her husband Gary, their children Jennifer and Sara; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Preceding her in death were her husband Alfred in 1972, her son-in-law Orville, her parents, two brothers Merinus and Niels, and two sisters Anna and Jennie. She passed away at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, South Dakota, Sunday March 28th at the age of 97 years, 8 months, 10 days, after a brief illness.

Her loving kindness, strong faith, courage in adversities and concern for others was an example to all.

Blessed be her memory.

"I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower, where I thought a flower would grow."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, visits and kindnesses during the illness and death of our loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Lena Knudsen. Thank you for the cards, memorials and for all the food brought to our home. A special thank you to Pastor Nysetvold for his help in our time of loss; to the Spring Valley Lutheran Choir for their beautiful music and to Grace Gaddis for her kind assistance. God Bless you all.

Ada Johnson

David & Marlene Johnson

Stacey, Chad & Amy

Gary & Anette Kropuenske

Jennifer & Sara