

OLSEN, John A.

July 31, 1880

Highland Township in Minnehaha County, South Dakota

March 25, 1945

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Viborg Enterprise -

March 29, 1945

April 5, 1945

JOHN A. OLSEN DIED ON SUNDAY

M. V. Olsen received the sad news in a message on Monday that John A. Olsen had passed away in a Hot Springs, Arkansas hospital on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Olsen had been making plans to return home when Mr. Olsen's condition forced him to enter the hospital.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, as the Enterprise goes to press.

JOHN A. OLSEN

Funeral services for John A. Olsen, 64, who died in St. Josephs Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas on Sunday, March 25, were held on Saturday afternoon, March 31, in the family home and at the First Baptist Church, Viborg. Services were conducted by a nephew the Rev. L. A. Wilson of Mount Carroll, Illinois. The Rev. Paul A. Shellhouse officiated at the grave.

Burial was in the family lot of the Baptist Cemetery, one and one-half miles east of Viborg. These nephews served as pallbearers: Spencer and Morris Olsen, Sioux Falls; Donald Foster, Colton; Merlin Bonine, Centerville; Leland Stewart, Denver, Colo., and York Sampson, Urbana, Illinois.

OBITUARY

John Alfred Olsen was born in Highland Township, Minnehaha County, South Dakota on July 31, 1880. He was the fourth child of Gust and Olena Olsen. On Christmas Day, 1918, he was united in marriage to Mabel Elizabeth Neilson at the farm just east of Viborg, which later became their home. In 1916, he was baptized into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Viborg.

For years he traveled for the John Deere Plow Company. Later he became associated with the New York Life Insurance Company and made his home in Sioux Falls. In 1923 he became an Insurance Conservation Agent, which work took him into most of the states. His wife always accompanied him.

In 1933, he retired to the farm home, one-half mile east of Viborg. He became invalided in 1935 and spent most of the following winters in the west or the south. On December 6, 1944, he went to Hot Springs, Arkansas where his condition became gradually more grave and he was hospitalized one week before his death. At his bedside at the time of his passing were his wife, his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Olsen, and Mrs. York Sampson.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mabel; those three girls who were like daughters, Mrs. York Sampson (Emma), Urbana, Illinois, Mrs. Albert Wilson, Helen, Mt. Carroll, Illinois, and Mrs. Arthur Anderson (Lois), West Lafayette, Indiana; his aged step-mother, Mrs. Gurie Olsen of Pasadena, California; two sisters, Mrs. Martin Smemoe of Baltic and Mrs. Luella Hamilton, Los Angeles; three brothers, Charles A. of Sioux Falls, Clair A., Chicago and Frank G., Goldfield, Iowa; and four half-brothers and four half-sisters in California.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all for the lovely floral offerings, gifts, memorial offerings and expressions of sympathy; and to the Eastern Star and What-I-Can Society, who served at the home.

Mrs. John A. Olsen
Brothers and Sisters