

JOHANSEN, Alma Mae (Sorensen)

February 20, 1909
Turner County
May 22, 1960
Viborg

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. ALMA JOHANSEN

1960
On May 30, 1960, relatives and friends were saddened by the untimely death of Mrs. Alma Johansen, age 51, following a stroke suffered on Sunday, May 22nd, while in company of her school pupils and patrons of Spring Valley Dist. 64 at their last day school picnic. Mrs. Johansen had been their teacher for the past eight years. She passed away at the Memorial Hospital in Viborg.

Funeral services were held on June 3rd at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg, with Dr. Jensen officiating. Mrs. Glendow Bak sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "Behold A Host Arrayed in White", with Mrs. Leonard Holm at the organ. Interment was at Spring Valley Lutheran cemetery. Pallbearers were six nephews: Lowell Sorenson, Harlyn Westergaard, Donovan Hjelm, Carl Jensen, Wayne Sorenson, and Robert Roach. Viborg Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Alma Mae Johansen, nee Sorenson, daughter of Amound and Mary Sorenson, was born in Turner County on February 20, 1909; was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith at Spring Valley Lutheran Church. She received her elementary and high school education in Turner County schools and attended Southern State Teachers College where she obtained her teachers certificate. With the exception of a few years she continued teaching in the rural schools in Turner County.

In 1937 she was united in marriage to Mr. Chris Johansen of Viborg and has since resided here. To this union were born two daughters, Jo Ann and Diann.

Mrs. Johansen was highly respected by all her friends and beloved by her pupils. She created an atmosphere of love around her and she showed great faith, courage, and patience during the long illness of her husband.

She was preceded in death by her husband, on Oct. 3, 1959, her father, mother, four brothers, and one sister.

Mrs. Johansen leaves to mourn her passing, two daughters and one step-daughter—Mrs. Edward Gratzfeld of Vermillion, S. Dak., Diann Johansen at home, and Mrs. Olaf Hansen of Irene; four grandchildren; one brother, Melvin Sorenson of Irene; seven sisters, Annia—Mrs. Otto Westergaard and Menno, Lillie—Mrs. Harvey Jensen of Hurley, Mabel—Mrs. Hardy Nelson of Frankfort, Ind., Rose—Mary Berthelsen, Yankton, Sylvia—Mrs. Wm. Hjelm, Viborg, Alice—Mrs. James Roach, Yankton, Mae—Mrs. Wm. R. Schaeffer, Canton, and many other relatives and a host of friends.