

BENSON, Maria Friederike "Mary" (Eckstein)

September 3, 1907
rural Hurley
December 8, 1999
Sioux Falls

Viborg Enterprise
December 16, 1999

Mary F. Benson

Mary
Benson, 92,
passed away
on
Wednesday,
December 8,
1999 at the
Avera
McKenna
Hospice in



Sioux Falls, SD. Maria Friederike
Eckstein was born to Gottlob and
Emilee (Nehr) Eckstein on

September 3, 1907 near Hurley.

She married Allen (Stuffy)
Benson on January 22, 1930. To this
union was born four children. Stuffy
and Mary farmed near Hurley and
Mary spent many long, hard hours
helping the family farm thrive. She
was a life-long member of Zion
Lutheran Church of Hurley, which
her father helped to organize. She
was also an active member of the
Lutheran Women's Missionary
League and served several terms as
a Sunday School Superintendent.
Mary attended Nursing School in
conjunction with St. Lukes Hospital
in Sioux City, Iowa. She graduated
with her nursing degree in 1928.

Mary is preceded in death by
her parents; three sisters; two
brothers; one son, Richard, who died
in infancy; one grandson, Mark
Petersen and her husband.

She is survived by one sister,
Ruth Kohlstead of Glen Carbon,
Illinois; three children, Donald
Benson and his wife, Dolores, of
Hurley, Marilee (Mrs. Robert)
Petersen of Sioux Falls, and Nancy
(Mrs. Merlin) Reiners of Grand
Junction, Colorado; nine
grandchildren, sixteen great
grandchildren and many nieces and
nephews.

Memorial service were
Monday, December 13, 1999 at the
Zion Lutheran Church, Hurley, SD
with Rev. Jay A. Jaeger and Rev.
Kenneth Johnson officiating.
Organist was Irene Nelson and
Cheryl Hagena was soloist. All of her
grandchildren and great
grandchildren were bearers.