

NELSON, Kermit

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### **Kermit R. Nelson**

Kermit R. Nelson was born April 21, 1918. His parents were Levi and Mary (Butler) Nelson.

He graduated from Viborg High School and attended Yankton College. He married Kathryn Jensen in a double wedding with Dorothy Jensen and Mylo Preheim on May 7, 1942 on the family farm in the Spring Valley area. He was a pioneer in working to bring electricity to the community. He worked for Interstate Power Co. in Wakonda and then Jake Hiebert Electric in Windom, MN. The family moved back to Viborg where he worked for Turner Hutchinson Electric in Viborg and Marion for 35 years as director of

member services. Kermit and Kathryn also operated a Frigidaire appliance store for several years in Viborg. He served on school boards at Viborg and Marion for 15 years and was chairman for 3 years during school reorganization. He was a member of the International Assoc. of Electrical Inspectors, a licensed journeyman electrician in Minnesota for 30 years, and a licensed electrical contractor in South Dakota. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Parker, the Yankton Consistory, the El Riad Shrine in Sioux Falls, First Baptist Church in Viborg, and served on the board of directors for the Parkinsons Assoc. of SD in Sioux Falls. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing with his grandchildren, and visiting with friends and family.

Kermit passed away on September 2, 1998 at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. He had attained the age of 80.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother Marlin.

Kermit is survived by his wife Kathryn of Sioux Falls; 2 sons Dr. Neil and wife Julie of Rhinelander, Wisc. and Dr. James and wife Sue of Huron; 2 daughters Claire and husband Mark Enszt and Marlene and husband Max Borchardt, both of Sioux Falls; 16 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; 1 brother Burton

(Bud) and wife Verna of Viborg; 1 sister Shirley and husband Jack Littleton of Riverside, Calif; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held Saturday, September 5, 1998 at First Baptist Church, Viborg, SD with Pastor Lawrence Christensen officiating. The organist was Cheryl Koch, with special music provided by Wyatt and Devin Enszt and Virginia Rudd. Internment was at Baptist Cemetery at Viborg, SD.