

OLSEN, Clarence

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Memorial Service For Clarence Olsen, 83

A memorial service for Clarence Olsen, 83, of Viborg was held Friday afternoon, January 10, 1986 at 2:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Viborg with Ed Rafferty, Pastor of the Viborg First and Turkey Valley Churches and Pastor Peter Peterson of Akron, Iowa, officiating.

Casket bearers were nephews Lloyd Johansen, Mission Hill; Roger Olsen, Irene; Richard Olsen, Viborg; Maynard Rempp, Salem; Pastor Peter Peterson, Akron, Iowa; and Richard Flyger, Hurley.

Mrs. Chuck Olsen, grand daughter-in-law was organist. Linda Harless, grand daughter accompanied her husband, Lloyd Harness of Bellevue, Nebraska as he sang, "Praise the Lord." A duet, "Surley Goodness and Mercy" was sung by Alan and Gary Ward accompanied by Mrs. Robert Ward.

Mrs. Edwin Larsen was at the Register Book. Ushers were Richard Sorensen and Burnell Christensen.

Interment was at Turkey Valley Baptist Cemetery. Hansen Funeral Home of Irene was in charge of the arrangements.

Fellowship followed and refreshments were served at the Viborg Church by ladies of both churches.

Clarence Olsen, Viborg, son of John W. and Recarda Olsen was born on September 8, 1902 near Viborg, South Dakota and entered into death on January 7, 1986 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital at Viborg at the age of 83 years and four months.

family on the farm as a gift that God had given him. He was a good steward of God given resources and spent many hours tearing down old buildings and re-using the lumber to build new structures which could serve a more useful and better purpose. He was an honest, patient man, a faithful husband, loving father, dedicated Christian and friend to all who knew him.

Among the survivors who greatly shared his life are his wife, Myrtle; two sons, Charles and Doyle, two daughters-in-law, Mary Lou and Trudy of Irene; five grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; two sisters: Olive (Mrs. Orville Flint) of Madison, and Hazel (Mrs. Charles Rempp) of Yankton; one brother, Rueben of Irene and a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, William and one sister, Alice, (Mrs. Lawrence Johansen).

Blessed be his memory.

THANK YOU...

We wish to express a sincere thank-you for the acts of kindness and concern shown us during the illness and death of our dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather Clarence Olsen. Thank you to Dr. Nelson, Dr. Mark, and the staff at Pioneer Memorial Hospital for the love and attention shown Clarence and for making his last days as comfortable as possible. Thank you to Hansen Funeral Home and to all those who helped to make the funeral service so very beautiful. We say a special thank you to Pastor Ed Rafferty, Pastor Peter Peterson, and Pastor Gene

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Clarence grew up in Turkey Valley Township, northwest of Irene, attending Rix Country School and Irene High School for one year.

On September 27, 1927 he was united in marriage to Myrtle Peterson of Viborg. Two sons were born to this union. They farmed near Colton for one year, then in the Viborg-Irene area from 1928-38. They then farmed near Blencoe, Iowa from 1938-44 at which time they bought his father's farm, 3 miles north and 1¼ mile west of Irene and moved back to South Dakota where they lived until moving to Viborg in October 1985.

Clarence was a faithful member of the Turkey Valley Baptist Church for 72 years where he served in many capacities. For over 40 years he took it upon himself to fire up the church furnace making sure it was always warm and ready for worship.

He served on the Viborg Lumber Company board of directors for several years.

Clarence loved music and had the ability to sing well. He was a charter member of the Freya Chorus and later sang with the Turkey Valley Baptist Men's Chorus and the Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus at Viborg. The many enjoyable hours spent with these groups provided him with the opportunity to get to know his fellowmen better and to sing to the Lord.

Clarence loved animals and field work and saw his task of carving out a living for his

Kroger for your prayers, visits, and words of comfort to the family. Thanks to our dear family and friends for the love you have expressed to us with your visits and prayers, the cards, the flowers, the memorials, and for the food brought to our homes and to the church. Each one of you are special and you have touched our hearts with love. Thank you for your comforting acts of thoughtfulness. May God's peace be yours.

—Mrs. Clarence Olsen; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olsen; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Olsen, Jodi and Jeremy; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harless, Dustan and Heidi; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Olsen, Christi and Ben; Mr. and Mrs. John Olsen.

The family is using this means of saying thank you and the money saved on postage will be given as a memorial in loving memory of Clarence Olsen.
