

OLSEN, John W.

October 24, 1873
Racine, Wisconsin
June 21, 1963
Beresford, South Dakota

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OBITUARY

JOHN W. OLSEN

Last rites were held on Monday of last week for John W. Olsen, pioneer resident of this community, who passed away suddenly on Friday.

Rev. Gordon McMillan officiated at the services in the Turkey Valley Baptist church. Special music was by a ladies trio composed of Mrs. Robert Knudsen, Mrs. Dale Christensen and Mrs. Kenneth Mellem. Mrs. John Knudsen was organist.

Palbearers were Charles Olsen, Richard Olsen, Doyle Olsen, Maynard Rempp, Roger Olsen and Lloyd Rasmussen.

Interment was in the Turkey Valley Lutheran cemetery under the direction of the Hansen Funeral Home.

John W. Olsen was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on October 24th, 1873. He came to South Dakota as a boy with his parents, brothers and sisters.

On January 27, 1900, he was united in marriage to Rekarða Johnson. To this union six children were born, being William, Clarence, Reuben, Alice (Mrs. Laurence Johansen), Olive (Mrs. Orville Flint), and Hazel (Mrs. Charles Rempp).

Mr. Olsen spent his entire life farming in the Irene vicinity. He was a member of the Turkey Valley Baptist church, where he had served as deacon, and was an honorary deacon at the time of his death.

He passed away at Bethesda Home, Beresford, on June 21st at the age of 89 years and 8 months.

His wife preceded him in death in April, 1956. His son William died at the age of 9 months.

He leaves to mourn his memory, two sons, three daughters, eleven grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, one sister Tillie (Mrs. Martin Swensen) of Irene, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Blessed be his memory.

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