

JOHNSON, John Alfred

June 22, 1883

Yankton, ■ South Dakota

December 3, 1948

Viborg

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Obituary

JOHN M. JOHNSON

Funeral services for John M. Johnson were held Tuesday, Dec. 7th, with Rev. E. A. Bersagel officiating.

At the home the pastor read the One hundred third Psalm and spoke briefly. Prayer was offered by Rev. O. H. Brodland. Curtis Anderson sang "Behold A Host Arrayed—White".

At the Bang Church Rev. Bersagel spoke on the first verse of the Twenty Third Psalm. Rev. O. H. Brodland, a close and intimate friend of the family, used as his text Rev. 14:13. A solo, "Beyond the Sunset", was sung by Gladys Wek. The mens quartette, consisting of Curtis Anderson, Oliver Pederson, and Joseph and Henry Gran, sang "Jesus Savior Pilot Me". Pallbearers were six nephews: Merlin, Orville, Ole and Verriell Johnson, Roger Sveen and Ray Anderson.

John Alfred Johnson was born June 22, 1883, at Yankton, South Dakota, to Mr. and Mrs. Markus Johnson. In his early boyhood he moved with his parents in 1887 to the present Johnson homestead where he has lived most of his life. All through his life he industriously labored on the farm and in the community. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church and since the merger of a former congregation with Bang, has held his membership here.

The last ten months he has been failing in health with a heart ailment. He spent most of this time at the Paul Varnum home in Viborg where he passed away suddenly on Friday, Dec. 3rd, 1948, at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 11 days.

He is survived by his adopted son, Elmer; one granddaughter, Viola; one brother, Hjalmer, of Viborg; and three sisters, Enga, Mrs. Hans Sveen of Freeman; Martha, Mrs. Elmer Nielsen, and Marthine, Mrs. Paul Varnum, both of Viborg. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Carl, Ole and Markus. He leaves other relatives and a host of friends.

He shall long be remembered as a kind, industrious, generous, and devoted father, brother and friend. May God bless his memory.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for the kindness shown us at the death of our dear father and brother. To Rev. E. A. Bersagel and O. H. Brodland for comforting words; to those who sang; to Mrs. Joseph Gran and Mrs. Peder Wek, organist and pianist; to the Ladies Aid and all others who contributed both with floral and memorial gifts as well as with other favors during our dark hour of sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson
and Viola,
Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmer Johnson,
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Sveen,
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nielsen,
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Varnum