MORTENSEN, Gertrude Christine (Hansen)

June 21, 1866
Denmark
October 18, 1946
Omaha, Nebraska

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MRS. GERTRUDE MORTENSEN

Gertrude Christine Hansen was born in Denmark, June 21, 1866 and died in Omaha, Nebraska, on October 18, 1946 at the age of 80 years and four months. At the age of six she came to America with her parents, Jorgen and Bertha Marie Hansen, who settled on a homestead two miles north of Viborg.

Early in life she joined the Swan Lake Seventh Day Adventist Church. In January of 1892 she was united in marriage to Martin Mortensen. To this union seven children were born. The first years of their married life were spent in Hurley. In 1895 they moved to Viborg, which was their home until Mr. Morensen's death in 1933.

Since her husband's death she made her home for the most part with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Strathman, in Omaha, where she passed away after an illness of nine months. She enjoyed the summer months keeping up a home in Viborg and visiting friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her son, Keith, who died in infancy, and her son, Kenneth, who died in 1937. She is survived by five children: Mrs. R. E. Billings, Franklin, Minn.; Howard R. Mortensen, Wakonda; Marvin J. Mortensen, Excelsior, Minn.; Marie Mortensen, Omaha, Neb.; and Mrs. E. J. Strathman, of Omaha. She is also survived by six grandchildren, and two sisters: Mrs. M. M. Hansen, Clearwater, Neb. and Mrs. A. E. Axtell of Fortuna, California.

Mrs. Mortensen was a loving, sympathetic wife and mother, whose greatest interest was her home and family. She was known to all for her Christian spirit and deep desire to minister to those in need and distress. She truly found joy in service to others.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church on Monday afternoon, October 21, with Elder Hare of Sioux Falls officiating. Interment was made in Rosehill Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Joe Larsen, Chris Flyger, Louie Levison, O. D. Flint, Emil Larson and P. P. Kier.

Out-of-town friends and relatives here to attend funeral rites were: Dr. & Mrs. Billings, Franklin, Minn., Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Mortensen and Mary Jane, Excelsior, Minn., Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Strathman, and Miss Marie Mortensen, Omaha, Neb., Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Mortensen and Vyonne, Wakonda; Mrs. M. M. Hansen, Mr. & Mrs. Max Hansen, Mrs. Guy Miller, Mrs. Don De Pue, Clearwater, Neb., Mrs. Anna E. Hansen and Mrs. Louie Ofstad, Rapid City; Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Stewart, Sioux Falls; Mr. & Mrs. Magnus Jensen, Beresford; Mr. & Mrs. Carl C. Jensen, Irene; Mrs. Joe Hansen, Hurley; and from Wakonda, Mrs. N. C. Rasmussen, Mrs. Neal Jacobsen, Mrs. Jorgen Houg, Mrs. Kenneth Hatch, Mrs. H. J. Babb, Mrs. Kermit Nelson and Mrs. T. C. Hansen.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank our Viborg relatives and friends, who helped us in so many ways during the illness and death of our mother. We are grateful for expressions of sympathy, flowers and gifts, and to those who served lunch to all out-of-town visitors.

Dr and Mrs. R E. Billings
and family
Mr. and Mrs. H R Mortensen
and Vyonne
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mortensen
and family
Miss Marie Mortensen
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Strathman