

JORGENSEN, Leonard E. "Penny"

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Viborg

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Leonard E.

"Penny" Jorgensen

Funeral services for Leonard E. "Penny" Jorgensen were held Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at 2:00 PM in the Salem United Church. Rev. Sunandkumar Samuel officiated. Burial was in the Wildwood Cemetery, Salem. Kinzley Funeral Home of Salem in charge of the arrangements. Honorary pallbearers were Earl Peterson, Roger Gerlach, Harvey Jorgensen, Bob Marks, John Schaefer, Jack Yale, and Don Palmquist. Pallbearers were Gary Madsen, David Oyen, Michael Whitman, Jason Madsen, Harlan Paulson, and Gary Gudahl. Organist was Alice Paulson and soloist was Renee Feterl.

Leonard E. "Penny" Jorgensen, son of N.A. and Laura (Andersen) Jorgensen was born August 21, 1905 in Viborg. He grew up in the Viborg area and went on to attend the University of Southern California. He then went on to South Dakota State University where he earned his degree in mechanical engineering. After college graduation he lived in Chicago for a short time. On August 14, 1930 he married Edith E. Aggergaard in Viborg. After their marriage they moved to Salem where they lived the rest of their lives. His wife died in 1985.

He owned and operated the Regale Theater and Bowling Alley in Salem until the early 1970's. He was instrumental in starting the first Boy Scout Troop in Salem and was one of the driving forces behind the start of the McCook Country Club of Salem. He was a member of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department for 36 years, a member of the Masonic Lodge of Montrose, a member of the El Riad Shrine, a member of the Oriental Consistory of Yankton, a member of the Eastern Star, a member of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, a member of the Salem United Church, and of the church choir for many years. Penny enjoyed bowling, golfing, and playing cards during his lifetime.

Penny died on Saturday, December 4, 1999 at Beverly Healthcare, Salem. He had reached the age of 94 years, 3 months, and 13 days.

Survivors include: two daughters, Janet Whitman and husband Jerry and Brenda Specht all of Hills City, SD; six grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a grandchild.