

KNUDSEN, Keith Lavern

November 7, 1915
Spring Valley Township
August 21, 1976
Lincoln, Nebraska

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FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD FOR KEITH L. KNUDSEN

August 21, 1976, was the day the Lord appointed to call Keith Lavern Knudsen Home to be with Him. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at 11:00 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his son, Rev. Daniel Knudsen of Denver, Colorado, officiating, and his son, Herbert, of Cleveland, Ohio, speaking on behalf of the family. Remarks were given by Mr. Toral Duckett on behalf of Central Telephone and Utilities Corporation, the company where Keith was employed. Also, remarks were given by Dr. Charles Balcer, President of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. D. Organist was Roger Obbink, and four songs were sung by the congregation: "Children of the Heavenly Father", "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go", "He Leadeth Me", and "For All The Saints". Pallbearers were Loren Havekost, Bernard Hirsch, Wayne Koop, Robert Proehl, Dale Strasburg, and Robert Stoner, all employees of CTU. The honorary pallbearers were his fellow employees. The scriptures were read by Rev. LeVern Nielsen, brother of Mrs. Keith Knudsen.

Keith Lavern Knudsen, youngest of twin sons, was born November 7, 1915 in Spring Valley Township, Viborg, S. D., on the family farm, to Carl and Myrtle Knudsen. He died suddenly Saturday, August 21, 1976 after a heart attack at his home. He attained the age of 60 years, 9 months, and 14 days. He was baptized and confirmed in the Spring Valley Lutheran Church. He has been an active member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebr., serving as president, Sunday School Superintendent, and a member of the Church Council. He was chairman of the Board of Pensions of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church, now a part of the American Lutheran Church, and served on the board for 16 years. He was currently a member of the Board of Regents at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. D., serving as secretary of the Business Affairs Committee, and had recently been named as chairman of the Investment Committee.

Keith was an assistant secretary and director of taxation of Central Telephone and Utilities Corporation and its telephone subsidiaries, with headquarters in Lincoln. He was responsible for directing all tax activities of the company's operations in 12 states. Keith's association with the company began in 1934.

He was a member of the National Tax Association - Tax Institute of America; a member and past chairman of the charter revision committee of Lincoln. He was a trustee of the Nebraska Tax Research Council and has been closely associated with Nebraska sales and income tax legislation. In 1972-73, he served as chairman of the tax committee of the American Gas Association and was a past chairman of its sub-committee on court cases.

Keith grew to manhood in the Spring Valley area. He attended Rosegrove School District No. 40, in Spring Valley Township, and took his High School through correspondence and night school. He was united in marriage to Dagmar C. Nielsen, daughter of their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Nielsen, on November 4, 1938, at Spring Valley Lutheran Church. To this union were born two boys, Atty. Herbert D. Knudsen of Cleveland, Ohio, and Rev. Daniel L. Knudsen of Denver, Colorado. They lived in Sioux City and

Sioux Falls before moving to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1950.

Keith was preceded in death by his twin brother, Kenneth, in 1965, and his father, Carl B., in the spring of 1974. He is survived by his wife, Dagmar; his two sons and their wives and six grandchildren; one brother, Fred H. of Viborg; one sister, Glennys, Mrs. Curtis Thormodsgaard of St. Paul, Minnesota; and his mother, Myrtle M. Knudsen of Viborg; besides many relatives and friends. Interment was in Blair, Nebraska. Blessed be his memory.

"Children of the Heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children
sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he
knoweth".

CARD OF THANKS

The Family of Keith is deeply grateful for the sympathy, love, assistance and memorials which has been given during this time of bereavement.

Mrs. Keith Knudsen and family
Mrs. Myrtle Knudsen
Mrs. Kenneth Knudsen
and family,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knudsen
and family,
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Thormodsgaard and family