

NIELSEN, Norman W.

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May 8, 2003
Sioux Falls

Norman Nielsen



Norman W. Nielsen, "Doc", 79, of Sioux Falls, formerly of Viborg, peacefully passed away May 8, 2003 at the Avera McKennan Hospice Unit in Sioux

Falls.

He was born to G. Martin and Anna (Hansen) Nielsen on May 14, 1923, joining his brothers Nanfeldt and Wilfert and sister Melissa. He spent his entire life in South Dakota, where he met and married Josephine Olesen. They were blessed with two sons, Larry and Jim, and a daughter Peggy. They raised their family in Viborg.

"Doc" was a very successful businessman in Viborg for many years. His carpentry skills were well known and sought after and he left many improvements in the Danish community that he loved. Here he enjoyed watching his sons and daughter grow up and excel in many things. "Doc" grew up loving the outdoors, learning to fish and hunt and continued this passion throughout his life. His parents, siblings and their families lived in the area and this extended family was important to Doc.

Later on, Doc moved to Rapid City, where he married Mary Ellen Knudsen and enjoyed life as one of the most sought after carpenters in the area.

Grateful for having the privilege of sharing this wonderful man's life are his wife Mary Ellen of Sioux Falls, son Larry and wife Gail of Viborg, son Jim and wife Janelle of Madison, daughter Peggy and husband Brett Freemole of Greeley, CO, step-daughter Kelly and husband Monty of Sioux Falls, and step-son Kevin and wife Karen of Viborg; also six grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild; his sister Melissa Jensen of Viborg, many nieces and nephews and just as importantly the many close and dear friends in Viborg, Rapid City and Sioux Falls. He gave us love, laughs, knowledge, and so many wonderful memories and he will live in our hearts forever.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 12 at the First Baptist Church in Viborg. Burial was in the Rosehill Cemetery at Viborg.

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