

JOHNSON, Nels

August 7, 1882
southern Turner County
December 24, 1955
Viborg

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Funeral Services Held For Life-long Resident

Funeral services for Nels Johnson, who passed away on Saturday, Dec. 24th, were held at the Methodist Church on Thursday, Dec. 29th, with Rev. Rodney Gist and Rev. Homer Minish officiating. Musical selections were sung by Miss Janice Jorgensen and Mrs. Leroy Kaarup at the home and church. Pallbearers were Burton Johnson, Allen Jorgensen, Ellwood Jorgensen, Sylvan Johnson, Charles Falconer and Delmar Christensen. Interment was at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Nels Johnson was born at Viborg, S. Dak., on August 7, 1882. He was the fourth of seven children of Jens and Katrena Johansen, who immigrated from Denmark in 1881. He was baptized in the Methodist faith and brought up in a Christian home. He was united in marriage to Anna K. Justesen on January 14, 1909. To this union one daughter, Joye (Mrs. Wm. Eckstein) was born. They also cared for a niece, Bonnie Justesen (Mrs. Zig Ziegler) until she was of school age.

He bought his father's homestead in the fall of 1919 and was a farmer all of his life.

On August 8th, 1955, he became very ill, having a heart ailment and spent two months in the hospital after which he came home to stay with his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Eckstein. On Friday, Dec. 24th, he suffered a stroke and was taken to the Viborg Hospital where he passed away on Saturday morning, December 24th, at the age of 73 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife who died November 20, 1952, his parents, his oldest brother, Julius, and a brother, Marius, who died in childhood.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his daughter Joye (Mrs. Wm. Eckstein), one grand-daughter, Karen, one sister, Mrs. Sam Christensen, Viborg, and three brothers, Steven Johnson and Victor Johnson of Viborg, and Charley Johnson of Sioux City, Iowa.