

JENSEN, Minnie (Jensen)

May 26, 1883
Turner County
January 14, 1986
Viborg

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Services Held For Minnie Jensen, 102

Funeral services for Minnie Jensen were held on January 18th, 1986 at the Fraternal Funeral Home in Viborg with the Rev. Wes Hart officiating. Mrs. Alphonse Petersen was organist, and Mr. Alan Ward, soloist, sang "In the Garden" and "The Haven of Rest." Pallbearers were Arlo Andersen, Burdell Christensen, Burnell Christensen, Donald M. Nelson, Milton Nielsen and Thomas Nooney. Burial was in Rosehill Cemetery, Viborg, South Dakota.

Minnie Jensen was born May 26, 1883 to Christian and Maren Jensen in Turner County, Dakota Territory. She attended the Swan Lake District #42 School, also known as the Hattervig School. At age 16, Minnie and her sister, Jennie, opened a dressmaking shop in Wessington Springs, South Dakota. Minnie continued in the dressmaking business in different towns, including Beresford, Alcester, and Viborg for 16 years. In her shop she taught apprentice girls to sew, and in other years she sewed in homes by the day, chiefly making wedding dresses and trousseaus. It was a part of her life she greatly enjoyed.

In 1906-07 Minnie homesteaded near Wall, South Dakota, living in her "claim shack" until she "proved up". It was an adventurous experience for a young single woman, which included killing rattlesnakes and shooting wolves. Minnie returned to southeastern South Dakota and continued her dressmaking business. Ultimately, she settled in Viborg, the town she loved, and in which she remained for the rest of her life. For many years, Minnie took care of her mother, who lived to be 99 years of age.

At the age of 95, Minnie moved to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, where she celebrated her 100th birthday in 1983, along with a family reunion that included 11 nieces and nephews and their families from around the United States, a highlight of her life. On December 26, 1985, she entered the hospital and on January 14, 1986, entered into rest at the age of 102 years and seven months.

Minnie was a faithful mem-

ber of the Nazarene Church for many years. She was a devout Christian who put her trust in the Lord, a loving mother, a kind friend, and she had the ability to be contented and greet each day with an appreciation of life.

She is survived by one daughter, Lorraine, and one granddaughter, Robin, 13 nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends. Blessed be her memory.

Go to thy rest, and while thy absence we deplore; One thought our sorrow shall beguile; For soon with a celestial smile; Will meet to part no more.

CARD OF THANKS

To our friends and relatives, thank you for your many kind expressions of sympathy. It's those nice gestures that help ease the loss. We deeply appreciate the cards, memorials, offers of help, kind words and actions. A special thank you to Elaine Nelson, whose hospitality and understanding made this difficult time easier, and to Ralph and Alta Jensen who were the supporting arm. To the staff of Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, our thanks for making Mother's last years so nice for her—she enjoyed being there. To Pastor Hart, whose visits comforted Mother; to Grace Gaddis for her help and efficiency, and to all who had a part in the funeral service, our heartfelt thanks. My hometown community is special to me—its people are the salt of the earth. Wishing you God's blessings.

—Lorraine Weare and Robin