

BENSON, Charles Dewey

February 28, 1898
Spring Valley Township
October 8, 1965
Hurley, South Dakota

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Mourning his passing are: his wife, Marie; three sons, Burton and his wife Cleo, Robert and his wife Helen, Boyd and his wife Donna; one daughter, Beverly (Betty) and her husband Gene Bright; ten grandchildren, Kent Benson, Kim Benson, Jerry Benson, Larry Benson, Ann Benson, Connie Benson, Cindy Benson, Duane Benson, Charles Bright and Craig Bright, all of the Hurley community; his brothers, Allan, Herbert, and Harry, all of Hurley; his sisters, Cliffie Thomas of Lead, S. Dak., Mary Jane Benson of Sioux City, Iowa, Izora Heintz of Des Moines, Iowa, and Carrie Jensen of Hurley; and a great host of relatives and friends.

Those preceding him in death were: an infant son, Donnie Lee; his father, Albert; his mother, Rebecca; his brother, Henry; and sisters, Gertie and Ann.

CHARLES DEWEY BENSON
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Charles Dewey Benson, son of Albert and Rebecca (Smith) Benson, was born in Spring Valley Township in South Dakota, on February 28, 1898, and departed this life in his home in Hurley, South Dakota, on Friday, October 8, 1965, at the age of 67 years, 7 months, and 10 days.

Dewey spent his childhood and youth on a farm southwest of Hurley. He attended the schools of Turner County. On August 6, 1924, he was married to Marie Andersen. They commemorated their 41st wedding anniversary a few months ago. To this union were born five children, four sons and one daughter.

After marriage, Dewey and Marie farmed west of Hurley and in 1929 purchased and moved to a farm south of Hurley where they lived until they retired from active farming ten years ago. They moved to Hurley where they resided at the time of his death. Dewey lived in the same county all of his lifetime.

Dewey took an active part in the community activities serving as clerk on the school board for 27 years, a member of Hurley State Bank Board since it started, Chairman of Salvation Army Unit of Hurley, and member of the Farm Security Administration Board. He achieved great recognition in being the first farmer in Turner County to receive the Agricultural Achievement Award presented by the Skelly Oil Company in 1944.

In 1954 Dewey became a member of the Harmony Presbyterian Church and served as a trustee and then as Elder for six years. He was an active charter member of the Mariner's, serving as Log-Keeper of the District Mariner's last year. The past two summers he served as counselor at Camp Koda and expressed great joy in this type of work, already making plans to go back next summer. It was a great joy to see how quickly he was willing to attempt an assignment and see it through to finish. He was a willing helper to anyone who might need his aid.

Our sorrow and loss has been a victory for Dewey in attaining a crown of life.