

KEMPER, Elinor Louise (Paulsen)

February 17, 1907
Elk Point, South Dakota
November 29, 1995
Viborg

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Services Held for Elinor Kemper

Elinor Louise Kemper was born February 17, 1907 at Elk Point. Her parents were Eli and Louisa (Ranum) Paulson, whose parents had emigrated from Trondheim, Norway in 1868. Elinor's grandfather was a teacher and minister in Norway and he settled his family in the Elk Point area. Elinor's mother was a school teacher before marrying Eli Paulson. Childhood days on the farm, playing with cousins whose parents had also emigrated from Norway, was a favorite memory of Elinor's.

Elinor's family moved to Akron, IA where she graduated from high school. After receiving her teachers training at Vermillion, she taught grades 1-8 in a country school outside Akron. She later worked for 10 years as a secretary/receptionist for four physicians in the Akron Medical Clinic.

Elinor met Dr. Carlos E. Kemper at a Baptist Youth Fellowship meeting in Akron. They were married on June 20, 1936 at Sioux City, IA. They lived in New Orleans, LA for Dr. Kemper's year of internship with the U.S. Public Health Service. They moved to Viborg in July of 1937. They traveled throughout the US and the world. They enjoyed visiting their children and grandchildren. Dr. Kemper passed away in 1975.

Elinor was an active member in the First Baptist Church and the Viborg School PTA. She was a Past Matron of the Eastern Star and was a member for 65 years. Elinor moved to the Pioneer Villa in 1991 and into the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in 1994.

Elinor passed away on November 29, 1995 at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg. She had attained the age of 88.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 1 brother Kirk Paulson, and an infant sister.

Elinor is survived by 1 son Dr. Carlos and wife Peggy of Madras, OR; 2 daughters Louise and husband Wayne Dalton of Menlo Park, CA and Mary Ann and husband Dennis Larsen of Arvada, CO; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Services were held Saturday, December 2, 1995 at First Baptist Church, Viborg with Pastor Lawrence Christensen officiating.

Honorary Pallbearers were Burdell Christensen, Burnell Christensen, Richard Skola, Opal Mark. Pallbearers were Greg Kemper, Kathy Kemper, Tim Kemper, Bryan Dalton, Maria Dalton Hudnut, Michael Larsen, Suzanne Larsen-Beach.