

CHRISTENSEN, James Garfield

June 15, 1933
August 21, 1937

Yankton, South Dakota

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OBITUARY—JAMES
GARFIELD CHRISTENSEN

James Garfield Christensen was born June 15, 1933 and was called by death August 21, 1937. Severely suffering from appendicitis a few days, he succumbed at the Yankton hospital at the age of 4 years, 2 months, and 6 days. James was baptized August 13, 1933.

He leaves to mourn his departure: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christensen; two brothers, Allen and Floyd; two sisters, Maxine and Marcine; a grandfather, Nels E. Jensen; a grandmother, Mrs. Anders Christensen; and many other relatives and friends.

The incomprehensible hand of death has picked a bud of promise. To us it seems that this little life should have blossomed into usefulness and filled his place in the world as he blessed our home for a short while.

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God." There are many things of life we do not understand. We cannot conceive why a little life should leave us so prematurely. We feel consoled by the word of Jesus, "For such is the Kingdom of God." It was a life untainted by sin; a life that does not bear any scars of thorns of the world; but a little life, beautiful, gone home to Jesus.

Could we project our vision into the future, unforeseen hazards, discomforts might have befallen James. Our Supreme Ruler only knows.

What is this mystery that men call death?

My friend before me lies; in all save breath

He seems the same as yesterday.
His face

So like to life, so calm, bears not a trace

Of that great change which all of us so dread.

I gaze on him and say: He is not dead,

But sleeps; and soon he will arise and take

Me by the hand. I know he will awake

And smile on me as he did yesterday:

And he will have some gentle word to say,

Some kindly deed to do.

He is not dead. Such soul forever live

In boundless measure of the love they give.

Service was held August 23, 1937 at Spring Valley Lutheran church, Rev. N. P. Nielsen in charge of the service.