

1983

John E. Jensen, 86

John E. Jensen was born Feb. 12, 1897 four miles east of Kimballton. He was one of 12 children born to Jens Christian and Johanne Hansen Jensen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith.

He started carpentry at the age of 15. He served in the U.S. Army during WW I. In 1922, he married Anna Lykke. In 1925 they started Furniture and Funeral Business and continued in this business for 39 years in the Kimballton and Elk Horn area.

They have lived in Spirit Lake, since 1959 and have spent winters in their home at Largo, Fla. After he retired from business his son John L. Jensen continued in the Furniture Business.

He died Friday, Feb. 25, 1983 in the Dickinson County Memorial hospital in Spirit Lake after having been ill for three months.

Surviving him are his wife: Anna of Spirit Lake; one son and daughter-in-law, John and Lydia of Estherville; two granddaughters, Carolyn (Mrs Damon Siskin) of San Diego, Calif., Brenda (Mrs Rick Salocker) of Ft. Dodge; two grandsons, Bob and James, both of Estherville and five great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are three brothers, Hartvig and Kelly Jensen, both of Des Moines and Thorvald Jensen of Kansas City; three sisters, Agnes Crawford of Shenandoah, Martha Rasmussen and Esther Jacobsen both of Kimballton.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one grandchild, Ronnie Jensen; three sisters, Dagmar Faaborg, Connie Jensen and Sophie Jensen and two brothers, Richard and Harold Jensen.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 27, 1983 at the Grace Lutheran church in Spirit Lake with Pastor James C. Quitno officiating. Final services were held Tuesday, March 1, 1983 in the Immanuel Lutheran church, Kimballton with Pastor George Gerber officiating and Pastor Beryl Knudsen of Lutheran Memorial in Des Moines assisting. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran cemetery, Kimballton, with Roland Jensen, Clark Rasmussen, Virgil Jacobsen, Herluf Jensen, Maurice Lykke, LaVerne Lykke, Glen Lykke, Gordon Lykke and Leland Lykke serving as casketbearers.