

Erling V. Jensen, 89

March 16, 1906 - June 8, 1995

Des Moines - Erling V. Jensen, 89, of 1102 Morton Avenue, Des Moines, formerly of Kimballton, died June 8, 1995 at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. He was the eldest son of T. G. and Kirstine Jensen and was born at Kimballton March 16, 1906. He was baptized, confirmed and married at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. From his youth he was associated with his father's construction company, and for many years was president of Jensen Construction Company, now of Des Moines. During his life, he served in a number of volunteer capacities, as a member of the executive board of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, as a member of the board of Grand View College (he and his wife were both awarded honorary doctorates by Grand View), and a member of the advisory council of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, as well as a number of positions at Lutheran Memorial Church in Des Moines, where he was a long-time member.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five of his siblings, Mrs. Niels (Amanda) Boelth, Evald Jensen, Mrs. Vernon (Selma) Larsen, Bernhard Jensen and Mrs. Harold (Olivia) Hoegh. Among his survivors are his wife of sixty years, Rose, who formerly taught school at Kimballton; his daughter, Mrs. Bill (Mary) Oswald of Grimes; his sister, Mrs. Clayton (Virginia) Nielsen of Elk Horn; one brother, Gerald Jensen of Des Moines, one grandchild, two great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 12, 1995 at Luther Memorial Church in Des Moines with Pastor Paul R. Axness officiating. Casket bearers were Jim Burton, Richard Larsen, Kurt Rasmussen, Bruce Hoegh, Mark Oswald and Kirk Salmon. Honorary casket bearers were Alvin Andersen, Harry Jensen, Fred Lauritsen, Craig Ibsen, Roland Jensen and Frank Zieons. Burial was at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines.