

**Frode Jensen, 88****Aug. 4, 1920 - April 7, 2009**

**SHELBY** — Frode Marinus Jensen was born on August 4, 1920 to Morten and Maren (Dahl) Jensen in Council Bluffs.

December 31, 1946, Frode married Melba Kriz of Dodge, NE in Hiawatha, KS. Two children were born to this union: Linda and Dennis. Frode was a devoted farmer, working first with horses and then evolved through the modern age of powered machinery. He believed in soil conservation and was a pioneer in terracing the Jensen farm, which sets on one of the highest spots in Pottawattamie County. In 1968, he constructed five miles of terraces under a government program and was recognized with the

top conservation award at the district and regional levels, and was second in the state. Frode was a community minded person. He was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ. He served three times as a deacon and was on the committee to build the United Church of Christ and the parsonage. He belonged to the Minden Community Club and helped build the new community hall after a devastating tornado swept through Minden. He was on the committee to reorganize the Minden School District, which ultimately joined the Tri-Center School District in 1968. Frode was admitted to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center on April 6, 2009 and it was there that he died on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, having attained the age of eighty-eight years, eight months, and three days.

Frode was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Andreas, Elmer, Ernest, and Leonard; and two brothers-in-law: Miilo Ruzicka and Reynold Zvacek. He is survived by his wife of sixty-two years Melba Jensen of Shelby, daughter Linda and her husband Robert Andersen of Avoca; son Dennis Jensen and Christine Kading of Cambridge; grandchildren: Wade Andersen and his wife Amy of Minden and Bobbi and her husband Mike Lund of Harlan; great-grandchildren: Morgan and Brooks Andersen and Brayden and Henry Lund; brother Clarence Jensen and his wife Louise of Algona; sister-in-law Luella Zvacek of North Bend, NE; nieces and nephews; other family members and friends.

Pastor Brian Wohlhuter conducted the 11:00 AM service on Friday, April 10, 2009, at the United Church of Christ in Minden. Casket bearers were Wade Andersen, Michael Lund, Richard Jensen, Tom Jensen, Jarel Jensen, and Bruce Jensen. Interment was held at the Minden Cemetery.



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