

Leslie L. Benson, 99

Leslie L. Benson, 99, Conde, died Saturday, March 26, 1994 at the Colonial Manor, Groton. ⁴⁻²⁻⁹⁴

The funeral was held Tuesday, March 29, 1994 at the United Methodist Church, Conde, with the Rev. Donald Geiman officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements. Masonic rites were conducted by the Masonic Lodge #134 of Conde. A prayer service was held at the funeral chapel, Monday evening.

Leslie L. Benson was born September 26, 1894 to Leon Paul and Stella (Alberts) Benson at Verdon. The family moved to Aberdeen, where he attended school, graduating from Aberdeen Central High School in 1914. The family later moved back to the Verdon area.

He married Belva Feller, November 9, 1916 in Aberdeen. They farmed in the Verdon area. He managed grain elevators in Andover, Crandall and Verdon. He taught music in the Conde School system and gave private lessons. He worked as the assessor for Garden Prairie Township. He had resided at the Colonial Manor, Groton, since 1987. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Conde; Masonic Lodge #134 of Conde; Scottish Rite Yelduz Shrine, Aberdeen; Order of the Eastern Star, Conde; and the Conde Senior Citizens. He played in the Shrine band, the Bates-Scotland band, several dance bands, and the Benson Orchestra.

He is survived by his wife, Belva, Groton; seven daughters, Mrs. Lois Riddle, Conde; Mrs. Norma Schwiesow, Conde; Mrs. Wally (Betty) Dunker, Aberdeen; Mrs. Wendell (Phyllis) Olson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Manley (Doraine) Green, Groton; Mrs. Donald (Leslie Ann) Pigors, Andover; and Mrs. Nancy Zeck, Langford; 18 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 19 great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter.

Casketbearers were all his grandsons, Larry Funk, Steve Funk, Gaylen Funk, Donn Taylor, Doyle Taylor, Robbin Green, Bob Pigors, Tom Pigors and John Zeck. Honorary casketbearers were his granddaughters and all of his great grandchildren.

Mrs. Helen Rossow was the organist, and ushers were Marion Jensen and Howard Thomas.