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Chris. Jensen ✓

Christian Jensen was born in Vester Hassing, Jutland, Denmark, April 15, 1868. He came to America when twenty - three years of age. He stayed a little more than a year in Ludington, Mich., then came to Brown County, South Dakota, in July 1892, and has resided here since.

He was married to Bessie McKinnon on October 3, 1898, and established the home where they lived for nearly 55 years. Nine children were born to this union. Five preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife; two sons, Fred of Aberdeen and Frank of Putney; two daughters, Mrs. Jerald Coyle, Ashley, N. D., and Mrs. Robert Neill, Westport, Conn.; also three daughters-in-law, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Jensen took a keen interest in community affairs, was one of the promoters of the Farmers' Elevator Company in Putney, of which he served as a director for many years. He was State Representative in the State Legislature in 1929, and was elected president of the South Dakota Farmers Elevator Association for eleven consecutive years, when advanced age forced him to retire from public work.

The governing rule of his life was to "do unto others as he would be done by." The departed led a good life, was a kind father and loving husband. In later years his greatest joy had been the friendship of little children. Their greetings and the pleasure shown upon seeing him, gave him more enjoyment than worldly pastimes.

He was a member of the Masonic orders, the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Shriners. Mr. Jensen hardly ever missed a Shrine luncheon at the temple in Aberdeen, where he found real brotherly fellowship. He was a faithful attendant at the Kiwanis Club in Aberdeen, where he enjoyed the hearty welcome extended him.

Services were conducted from the Methodist church in Groton on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 24, 1953, under the direction of the Paetznick Funeral Home. Reverend Harvey Sander officiated. Eddie Olson, soloist, sang "Faith of Our Fathers" and "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Harvey Sander. The many flowers and memorials showed the high esteem in which he was held.