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Virgil Jensen, 73

Oct. 2, 1930 - Feb. 19, 2004

KIMBALLTON – Virgil Lee Jensen, the son of Clarence M. and Anni D. Petersen Jensen, was born Oct. 2, 1930, in Shelby County. He was baptized at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, and was confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. He attended school at Jackson Township No. 1 in Jacksonville.

Jan. 24, 1951, Virgil married Valeria Nielsen at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. They were the parents of two children, Gary and Jolene. Virgil entered the United States Army in 1952 and served 18 months in Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1954. Valeria died Jan. 5, 1970.

Nov. 17, 1970, Virgil married Rhonda Winther at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. After their marriage, they continued to farm. Virgil and Rhonda were members of a card club. He died Feb. 19, 2004, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 73 years, four months and 17 days.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Valeria, Virgil was preceded in death by his brothers, Russell and Robert. Survivors include his wife, Rhonda of Kimballton; his children, Gary Jensen (Michele) of San Dimas, CA; Jolene (Allan) Andersen of Elk Horn; three grandchildren, Valerie Andersen, Jennifer Jensen and Emily Jensen; his sister, Pearle A. Nelson of Elk Horn; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23, 2004, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Rev. Henry Flessner officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Everett Wendt, Ernest Petersen, Willis Hansen, Kjer Christensen and Mervin Jorgensen. Casket bearers were Dale Jensen, Glen Hoegh, Roland Hansen, Darrell Frederiksen, Eiwind Madsen, Dr. Scott Markham, Robert Jensen and Leroy Sand. Military rites were held by Harry Albertson AMVETS Post No. 51 at the Jacksonville Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

