

Virginia M. Jensen, 85

May 20, 1915 – April 9, 2001

CLEAR LAKE – Virginia M. Jensen was born May 20, 1915, at home in Albert Lea in the house built by her father. At age 4 she moved with her parents to a farm north of Clarks Grove. Here she grew up attending School District #82. She attended the First Baptist Church of Clarks Grove. Through the years she was active in Sunday School work, Daily Vacation Bible School, and the Women's Fellowship. She graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1933.

In 1935, she married Jack R. Jensen at Fiscus. The couple farmed and lived in Iowa until 1945, when they moved to Albert Lea and farmed there for 21 years. In 1966, they left the farm to work for Northwest American Baptist Homes at the Blaisdell Baptist Retirement Home and later at Crest Home and Thorne Crest Retirement Home in Albert Lea. They retired in 1978 to their lake cottage at Waterville spending summers there and winters in North Fort Myers for 16 years. In 1990, the couple moved to Clear Lake. She died April 9, 2001, at age 85.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents and only sister, Helen, and son-in-law, Jim Ahrens, and grandson, Todd Jensen. Survivors include her husband, Jack; children, Richard Jensen (June); Julie Tocci (Ronald); William (Bill) Jensen (Colleen); David Jensen (Helen); Carolyn Ahrens; Jonathan Jensen (Georgiana); 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and sisters-in-law, Adeline Green and Jean Group (Maurine); and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 13, 2001, at the First Baptist Church of Clarks Grove with Rev. Alvin Cooper and Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Burial was in the Clarks Grove Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Virginia's grandchildren and great grandchildren. Casket bearers were Mark Ahrens, J.P. Jensen, Matt Ahrens, Chris Jensen, Ronnie Tocci II and Tim Jensen. Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home, Albert Lea, MN, in charge of arrangements.