

Hold Funeral Services For Carl Bjelke

Funeral services for Carl Bjelke, who died at Fort St. John, B.C., on January 16, were held at the Mountview Lutheran Church on January 25, with Rev. A. Rasmussen officiating.

Carl Bjelke was born in the Diamond Valley district on August 25, 1910, and at the age of 10 years moved to Burnt Lake with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Bjelke. Here he farmed until 1951, carrying on farming operations after his parents died. He took an active part in all community activities, being secretary-treasurer for the local school board for many years and holding a similar position with the Burnt Lake Credit Union. He took a keen interest in sports and was a valuable member of the Burnt Lake hockey team when they were first organized, and was always ready for a game of baseball. He was president of the District Track Meet and did not spare time or effort in making it function smoothly. Of a gentle, retiring nature, Carl was very popular with children and was a steadfast friend to those who really knew him.

Since 1951 he has been foreman of a crew of men for the Assiniboine Construction Co., first in Lenhold then in Calgary, and since last fall he had been at Fort St. John when his sudden death from heart attack came as a shock to his relatives and friends.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Axel Johanson (Dora), of Burnt Lake, and Mrs. Peter Tastad (Ruth), Strongfield, Sask., and four brothers, Gunnar of Rocky Mt. House, Andrew of Vancouver, Arthur of Red Deer and Harold of Edmonton.

Pallbearers were Einar Einarson, John Silverberg, Carl Engman, Andrew Miller, Frank Dal-laire and Swain Swainson.