

Beda C. Prien

(1892-1994)

Funeral services at United Methodist Church in Rib Lake will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, for Beda Caroline Prien, 101, who died Sunday, March 6, at her home in Rib Lake.

Rev. Bob Linaberry-Charis' will officiate and burial will be held in Lakeview Cemetery in Rib Lake.

Visitation at Dallmann Funeral Home of Rib Lake will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday and at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday.

The former Beda Caroline Skon was born December 24, 1892 in Rib Lake to the late Frank and Liva (Olson) Skon. She was raised in Rib Lake and graduated in 1911 from Rib Lake High School. She married Donald L. Gaspard in Duluth in August of 1920 and he preceded her in death. Her marriage to Edward P. Prien took place in Duluth in 1977 and he died on June 26, 1988.

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Ed Prien

A very highly respected and well liked man, who was born in Chelsea in 1891. All of the members of his family were musical. His mother hired orchestras for entertainments all over the district. He played piano, violin, guitar; and made beautiful music on water glasses, each one filled to a different level of water.

He played for many civic and church occasions. His father was a railroad man.

Ed was a ball player on a very good team. Was the supt. of a box factory in Riplinger.

Married a teacher, Mabel Eddy, from Bayfield. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at our Un. Methodist Church.

When Ed first came to Rib Lake, he and Ray Rashatke had a creamery east of R. L. on the lake shore, on I62.

Several years after Mabel passed away Ed married Beda Gaspard, also a teacher, who had known him since their high school days. She had lived and
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and taught in Duluth for many years.

Ed loved to tell hunting stories and funny things that happened to him in his younger days.

He said he hiked from Chelsea all the way up to Prentice when he was a kid, to see the circus. He didn't have any money, so he asked one of the circus guys if he had any jobs he could do so he could get in to see the circus. They told him if he would carry water for the elephant he could get in. That elephant drank so much, Ed thought he must be storing it up in his trunk. Then another guy told him to go and fetch water to put in the soup. He carried water and he carried water; Kept dumping it in the soup. It was in a big cauldron-like kettle. He thought he was doing great until the guy came back and fired him for watering down the soup too much. One old guy took pity on him, gave him some watered down soup and sneaked him in to see the show.

Ed also owned the Gamble store in Rib Lake.

After eleven years of marriage to Beda, Ed

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