

## THE JACOB M. WARKENTIEN FAMILY

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Born 10/11/1898 in Goessel, Kansas to a German family having seven brothers and two sisters. His father Aaron M. Warkentien born 1861-1931 and Jacob's mother Helena Mackelburger 1864-1931. Jacob was the fifth son. They lived on a farm and the boys had to work in the field. They did not have very much time for a formal education. Jacob graduated from the eighth grade at the Pleasant View School in Washita County, Oklahoma. Even though he had to work in the field and did not get to finish school, he studied hard at home and became very intelligent. Jacob helped his girls with their high school math. He met Frances Anna Rice in Fairview, Okla., where she lived. Jacob was working on the Railroad when he met Frances. He saw her walking across the railroad with a chicken, and he told Frances' brother, who he was working with, that she was the girl he was going to marry! They began dating and was married as soon as Frances graduated from Fairview High School. They married 8/2/1925. They lived in a Bunk House in Rusk, Okla. Jacob continued working in Rusk, Ok. on the railroad. Their first daughter was born 9/8/1927. They moved to Enid, Oklahoma right after Christina was born. Jacob began working at Champlin Refinery Co. in Enid, Ok. in 1927. Jacob was raised as a Mennonite Brethren. He and Frances received the Holy Ghost and was baptized in Jesus Name in 1930. He became a Pentecostal pastor in Enid, Ok. in 1931. He preached the night he died, in our church. Jacob and Frances were always taking people into their home and caring for them.

Jacob and Frances did their own real estate transactions. They would buy a house, fix it up and sell it for more than they paid for it. This enabled them to buy a better home. When he died, Jacob had our family home paid for. He worked for Champlin Refinery on the Loading Rack, until his death on June 26, 1951. Jacob was a pastor, and also it was necessary for him to have a secular job. He was to go to work the night he died. He had a history of migraine headaches. He had his worst headache the night of June 25, 1951. Frances talked him out of going to work that night. The pain was so bad. He got up and put his clothes on and went to the living room. He began praying for each of his children, as they gathered around him, for the Lord to guide them after he was gone to be with Jesus. His oldest daughter, Christina, called the doctor and ambulance. Jacob had a cerebral hemorrhage. Dr. Paul Rempel came to our house at 821 E. Broadway. He and the ambulance and fire department worked with Jacob at the house. The doctor did not have time to take him to the hospital. Jacob passed away at 4:30 A.M. June 26, 1951. He was buried July 1, 1951, Sunday at 2 P.M. in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Enid, Okla. Section F, Lot 83. Jacob had a large funeral at the Henninger Funeral Home with