

# Andrew Christensen, 81

**ELK HORN** — Andrew Lansman Christensen was born Nov. 25, 1895 in Denmark, son of Anders and Sorine Hansen Christensen. He came to the U.S. at age 19 and lived at Merrill Grove with an uncle. Andrew served two years in the Army in WWI with the Coast Guard in the Philippines. In 1922 he married Mildred Kester in Audubon. They lived in Calif., four years and then returned to Iowa and farmed in Audubon county until retiring to Elk Horn in 1946. He was baptized at Merrill Grove Baptist church and transferred his membership to the First Baptist church in Elk Horn when they moved.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one son and five brothers. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; three daughters and four sons: Earl of Hobart, Ind., Ernest of Glennview, Ill., Cloyd of Haddonfield, N.J., LaVerne of Woodland Hills, Calif., Melva Christensen of Los Angeles, Calif., Norma Wall of Hobart, Ind., Joann Clausen of Elk Horn; 20 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a brother, Oscar in Marietta, Calif., three sisters and two brothers in Denmark.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 22, 1977 at the First Baptist church in Elk Horn. Burial was in Maple Grove cemetery in Audubon. Casket-bearers were Leo Kragelund, Roy Wittrup, Roland Petersen, Don Gibson, Clarence Nelson and Arnold Westphalen.