

# Andrew M. Christensen, 84

**DEFIANCE** — Andrew Martin Christensen, son of Nels Peters and Johanna Jensen Christensen, was born in Aalborg, Denmark on March 10, 1893. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on May 18, 1977, at age of 84 years, two months and eight days. He was baptized in the Lutheran church and grew to adulthood in Denmark. He came to the United States in 1910 and settled in the Harlan vicinity where he worked as a farm hand. In Dec. of 1917 he entered the Army and served his country in the A.E.F. in Siberia. After receiving his honorable discharge in Nov. of 1919, he returned to the Harlan area.

On Nov. 30, 1921, he married Esther Kemp in Atlantic. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Christensen farmed in Center twp. for five years. In 1926 they moved to Cass county where they farmed until 1936. They then moved to a farm in Lincoln twp. In 1940 they moved to a farm in Union twp. and this was their home until retiring in 1962. They then moved to Harlan and in April of this year they became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home. This has been his home since that time. Mr and Mrs Christensen were privileged to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary last November. Andrew was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941 and the WW I Veterans (Barracks 1508) both of Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Jens Carl Peter and John Christensen and by a sister, Nielsina Sorensen. His survivors include his wife, Esther Christensen, of Harlan; two sons - Valen A. Christensen of Defiance and Homer John Christensen of Columbia, Ala.; a daughter, Elinor K. (Mrs Russ Juhl) of Denison; 18 grandchildren; and by 16 great-grandchildren; a sister, Metha Laursen of Denmark; nieces and nephews and other relatives.