

Leham Christensen, 74

Harlan — **Lehman** Richard Christensen, son of Chris J. and Anna J. Thompsen Christensen, was born Sept. 30, 1906, in Center twp. Shelby county. He attended Center No. 8 country school and grew to adulthood on his parents' farm.

On Sept. 3, 1931, he married Edith Rold in the parsonage of the Seventh Avenue Baptist church, Co. Bluffs. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan, where Lee worked in a canning factory for a short time before becoming a truck driver, which he did for most of his life. In 1956, the Christensen's moved to Co. Bluffs, which was their home until returning to Shelby county in 1971. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan on Sept. 1, 1979.

He was a member of the Danish Baptist church. He died at the Baptist Memorial Home on Saturday, Nov. 8, 1980, having attained age 74 years, one month and nine days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two grandsons, Kent Jack and Darrell Lynn Christensen; one brother, Walter Nels Christensen and one sister, Helen Jensen. Survivors include his wife, Edith of Harlan; three sons, Donald of Co. Bluffs, Jack F. of Harlan and James of Hancock; two daughters, Joanne (Mrs Norman) Mathiasen of Harlan and Barbara (Mrs Leland) Hansen of Oakland; 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren; one brother, Ruben Christensen of Harlan and two sisters, Mrs Mary French of Aztec, N. M., and Mabel (Mrs Albert) Sorensen of Walnut, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home, on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1980 with Dr. Eugene J. Petersen of the Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary and Pastor C. Donald Thrash of the First Baptist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Tim Hansen, David Hansen, Jay Christensen, Scott Mathiasen, Chris Christensen, Craig Christensen and Richard Christensen serving as casketbearers.