

Martinus Christensen, 81

HARLAN — Martinus Christensen, son of Maria Rasmussen and Peter Christensen was born Dec. 4, 1895 on a farm in Audubon county. He died Oct. 1, 1977 at Veterans hospital in Omaha at age 81 years, 9 months and 27 days. Martinus was educated in the rural Audubon county schools and attended the Danish College in Elk Horn for two years. As a young man he went to Canada and worked for six years, here is where he met and married Mary L. Irving on Oct. 21, 1920 at Bassano, Alberta, Canada, and to this union one son was born. He returned to Kimballton in 1924 and worked as a blacksmith for 18 years. In 1942 they moved to Des Moines and was with Jensen Construction for five years, then in 1947 started Christensen Welding in Harlan which he and his son operated until 1972 when Martinus retired. He also served in the U. S. Army during WWI.

Mr Christensen was preceded in death by his parents, one brother - Elmer, and one sister - Florence (Mrs Julius Christensen). Survivors include his wife - Mary and son - Martinus both of Harlan, two brothers - Leonard of Harlan and Alfred of Audubon, three sisters - Mable (Mrs Alfred Petersen) of Audubon, Myrtle (Mrs Clifford Gardner) of Harlan and Eva (Mrs Carl Daily) of South Bend, Ind., by four grandchildren; two great granddaughters, many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1977 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Intern Dale Moe of the Harlan Immanuel Lutheran church, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with military rites performed by the Harlan V.F.W. Post No. 941 and Olin Pash, Edwin Swand, Robert Lansman, Darrell Muller, Richard Heilesen and Elliott Svendsen serving as casket-bearers.
