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Vernon L. Christensen, 64

Vernon Leroy Christensen, son of Hans and Ida Kittler Christensen, was born May 14, 1919 on a farm in Crawford Co. He attended school for a short time in Manilla, before moving with his parents to a farm near Kirkman. He then attended the Kirkman school and grew to adulthood helping his parents farm.

On Jan. 1, 1940, he married Leona Gaer at the Church of Christ in Harlan. Three sons were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Redline, Harlan and Elk Horn areas.

He lived in Logan and was employed by Vicker's of Omaha, Neb. for several years. He retired in 1976 because of his health and in 1978 moved to Des Moines, where he was a member of the Open Bible church. The last few years of his life, he was attentive to the needs of his grandchildren and found much happiness doing things for them. He died Friday, June 24, 1983 at the Northwest Community hospital in Des Moines at the age of 64 years, 1 month and 10 days.

In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his sister Renelda, an infant brother Harold and an infant granddaughter. He is survived by his three sons, Elwood, Gary and Daryl, all of Harlan; and six grandchildren, Todd, Rick, Teresa, Elizabeth, Cami and Lyndsey; and his mother, Ida Christensen of Logan. He is also survived by one brother Gerald Christensen of Portsmouth and two sisters, Darlene (Mrs Merwin) Kearney of Oakland and Dorothy Ann (Mrs Rodney) Olsen of Mo. Valley; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 27, 1983 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor John M. Leggett of the First Baptist church, officiating.

Burial was in the Nishnabotna cemetery at Manilla with Jeffery Mayne, Patrick Mienke, Kevin R. Olsen, Arnold Kearney, Patrick McEvoy and David L. Waymire serving as casketbearers.