

Willhelm Jacobsen, 90

Willhelm Jacobsen, son of Anna Marie Christensen and Peter Jacobsen was born April 4, 1888 at Vraa, Denmark. He died Friday, March 9, 1979 at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan at age 90 years, 11 months and five days. Will was raised and educated in Denmark. When he was 21 years old he came to America and worked as a hired hand for his brother, Nels near Hancock. He married Matilda Appel in Co. Bluffs, on July 14, 1911 and moved to Harlan, where he operated a livery stable and helped lay the brick streets around the Harlan square. In 1914 he moved to Irwin and farmed in the area for 30 years, later moving east of Harlan where he farmed for four years. They lived in Harlan since retirement in 1944. Will and Matilda were privileged to celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary this past year.

Mr Jacobsen was preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers - Mike, Nels, Tom, John, Harold, Walter, Jacob and Viggo, two sisters - Katie Christensen and Anna Nelson, one grandson - Russell and by two half brothers in Denmark.

Survivors include his wife - Matilda of Harlan; four sons - John of Harlan, Delbert of San Fernando, Calif., Dewey of Cedar Rapids and Raymond of Los Angeles, Calif.; five daughters - Marie (Mrs Lester) Larson of Irwin, Mrs Valorie Bestul of Blossom, Texas, Matilda (Mrs Ralph) Miller of Spalding, Neb., Mrs Irene Schienle of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Mrs Virginia Dawson of San Fernando, Calif., by three sisters - Mrs Sophie Petersen, Miss Alvina Jacobsen and Mrs Gusta Nelson all of Modesta, Calif., 18 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 12, 1979 at Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan with Intern David Menz and Father Richard G. Wagner officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Dan Jacobsen, Leo Jacobsen, Stanley Miller, Merlen Jacobsen, Milton Jacobsen and Floyd V. Jacobsen serving as casketbearers.

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