

Edward Jorgensen, 86

Fritz Edward Jorgensen, the son of Andrew and Sena Jeppsen Jorgensen was born Aug. 16, 1897 on a farm west of Exira. He attended country school and grew to adulthood while helping on his parents farm near Exira.

Mr Jorgensen was first married to Esther Iversen and after their marriage they farmed near Anita. On March 4, 1939, he married Audrey L. Baiers at Atlantic. After their marriage they lived and farmed near Anita, until their retirement in 1958, when they moved into town. While living in town he stayed active by working part time as a carpenter and later, they owned and operated a restaurant, which they sold in 1971. After Mrs Jorgensen died on Dec. 29, 1981, he continued to live in Anita for one year, and then moved to Harlan, where he could be close to this daughter. After coming to Harlan, he first made his home, for a short time, at the Westridge Apartments and has currently been a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on March 18, 1984, at the age of 86 years, 7 months and two days.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Amelia, Astrid and Alma and one brother, Alfred. He is survived by two sons, Kenneth of Muscatine and Donald of Anita; one daughter, Mardelle (Mrs R.D.) Harris of Harlan; one step-daughter Norma (Mrs Robert) Heckman of Eugene, Oreg.; 14 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren; two sisters, Anna Petersen and Florence Dicky, both of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 21, 1984 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Kenneth P. Alpers of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, officiating.

Burial was in the Anita cemetery, Anita, with his grandsons Dan Jorgensen, Curt Chadwick, Jack Scheffler, Steven Jorgensen, and Paul Jorgensen serving as casketbearers.