

THE LIFE STORY OF —

Han E. Mortensen, 86

Kimballton — Hans Erik Mortensen, son of Peter and Anna Berg Mortensen, was born on July 22, 1892 in Sharon twp, Audubon county. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He was a member of the Bethany Lutheran church near Kimballton. He served in the military service from 1918-1919.

On Jan. 2, 1920 he married Mabel Jensen. The union was blessed with one son. The couple also had a foster daughter, Olivine. Mable died on May 31, 1931. On Dec. 14, 1932 he married Mildred Jensen Duckworth. This union was blessed with five children. They lived in Kimballton since 1963. He died on Saturday, Jan. 27, 1979 at Veterans hospital in Omaha, Nebr., at age 86 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers - Theodore and Edward Mortensen and four sisters - Greta Nelson, Tilda Hansen, Esther Christoffersen and Dagmar Lange and two infant children. Survivors include his wife - Mildred of Kimballton; three sons - Merlyn of Lake Villa, Ill., Howard of Ankeny and Roger of Lake Bluffs, Ill., and one step son - Maynard Duckworth of Reston, Va., one daughter - Kay Lavon Nicholson of Oakland, Calif., one adopted daughter - Olivine Shankster of Suitland, Md., and one step-daughter - Bernice Meurer of Atlantic, 26 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and a sister - Mrs Harry (Lena) Jensen of Kimballton.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1979 at the Bethany Lutheran church near Kimballton with Pastor Douglas Kahl, officiating. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove Baptist church cemetery near Audubon with Frank Lange, Roy Mortensen, Maurice Nelson, Lyle Andersen, Kjer Christensen and Lyle Christoffersen serving as casketbearers.

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