

John F. Sorensen, 68

Elk Horn — John Franklin Sorensen was born April 17, 1912 near Rorebeck in Shelby County, son of Nels O. and Kathrine Fritz Sorensen. The family lived near Elk Horn and John graduated from the Elk Horn high school. He was a confirmed member of the Elk Horn Lutheran church and has been an active member, serving on the church board, the building committee, and participating in other church activities.

On Jan. 31, 1934 he married to Veneta Clausen. They made their home on a farm east of Elk Horn for 30 years. In 1970 the family moved to Elk Horn where John has been active in the insurance business, representing several insurance companies. He represented the Danish Mutual Insurance of Elk Horn serving on the board of directors for 26 years. He represented the Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Co. of Des Moines and was recently awarded a 26 year recognition by this company. He also represented Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance of Des Moines, Square Deal Insurance Co. also of Des Moines, and Time, Life and Health Insurance Co. of Milwaukee, Wisc.

He has been a member of the Danish Mill Corp. and an active member of the town council. He has also served as a member of the Better Elk Horn club. He died Sunday, Jan. 25, 1981 at Jennie Edmundson hospital, Co. Bluffs, at age 68 years. Survivors include his wife: Veneta of Elk Horn; one daughter: Linda (Mrs. Dale) Nelson of Atlantic; four grandchildren; a nephew: Darwin Clausen from LaCrosse, Wisc., who was raised in their home; one sister: Ida, (Mrs. Raymond) Klever of Anita; three brothers: Holger of Atlantic, Fred of Cumberland, Harry of Des Moines; and 13 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, one brother, and an infant son.

Funeral services were held in the Elk Horn Lutheran church on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1981 with Pastor Eugene Soland, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery with Elmer Gude, Howard Hansen, Harold Hoegh, Clarence Hansen, Merlin Kastens, Hans Weddum, Milo Jensen, and Allen Larsen serving as casketbearers.