

Anthon Christensen, 93 ✓

ELK HORN - Anthon Christensen was born Aug. 29, 1895 in Denmark. His parents were Christen and Valborg (Jensen) Christensen. He was baptized in Denmark and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church where he was currently a member. He came to the U.S. at the age of 14. He first went to Rawlins, WY and spent several years there before coming to the Elk Horn and Atlantic area.

He married Anna Andersen in March of 1917. They farmed south and east of Elk Horn. She died in 1924. In 1932, he married Christina Jorgensen with whom he celebrated his golden wedding anniversary before she died 1985. Besides farming, he has been in the trucking business, owned and operated the Elk Horn Elevator and later worked for Bennie Elmquist, been a mail carrier and served as janitor for the Elk Horn School and for the Shelby County State Bank in Elk Horn. He has also been the treasurer of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. In 1975, he moved to the Salem Homes in Elk Horn. He died at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs on Sept. 21, 1988 at age 93 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Anna and his wife, Christina. Surviving him are one son, Ralph Christensen of Kittredge, CO; three daughters, Verdie (Mrs Sidney) Christensen and Fern Cook both of Elk Horn and Phyllis (Mrs Mervin) Jorgensen of rural Kimballton; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sept. 24, 1988 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating assisted by Pastor LeVern Nielsen. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery with Earl Madsen, LaMont Christensen, Tim Fredericksen, Glen Clemesen, LaVern Frederickson and Arthur Hansen as casket bearers. Kaltroft Funeral Home, Kimballton was in charge of arrangements.