

Arnold R. Christensen, 83

Jan. 10, 1910 - Dec. 3, 1993

Harlan - Arnold Raymond Christensen, son of Chris and Mary (Therkildsen) Christensen was born Jan. 10, 1910 at Redline. He died Dec. 3, 1993 at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca, at age 83 years, 10 months and 23 days. At age eight, he moved with his family to the homeplace 1/2 mile west of Harlan. He attended school in Harlan, graduating in 1928.

Dec. 28, 1929, he married Helen B. Havick. They were the parents of two sons. After their marriage, they farmed near Rorbeck for three years before moving back to Lincoln Township where he continued to farm until retiring in 1975, and spent many hours of his leisure time fishing. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan where he served on many committees. He was a long time member of the REC Board, Shelby County Farmers Mutual Insurance Board, Shelby County Farm Bureau, the ASCS, and was Lincoln Township Assessor for many years. He was also a member of the Parian Lodge No. 321, Masonic Bodies of Harlan; the Shrine T Patrol; the Lebanon Chapter #8, O.E.S. of Harlan and served as a Rainbow Dad.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Tapy and Mrs. Ruby Nelson, an infant sister and an infant brother. Survivors are his wife, Helen Christensen of Harlan; his sons, Robert D. (Joanne) Christensen and David A. (Nancy) Christensen of Harlan; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 6, 1993 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Jon Benson officiating assisted by Pastor Harrison J. Kline of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with David Boettger, Don Buman, Wendell Lytle, Ludwig Buman, Ben Dirks, Fred Louis, Jr., Ron Mosher and Ed Swank honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Brian R. Christensen, Bruce J. Christensen, Ray G. Christensen, Michael J. Monahan, Paul R. Stewart, Leon V. Schmitz and Darrin L. Gessert. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.