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## Dale W. Christensen, 72 ✓

**RUSSELL, IA** - Dale Willis Christensen, son of Holm & Hazel Christensen was born Jan. 3, 1916 in Shelby County and died after a short illness on Feb. 11, 1988 in the Mesa Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, AZ, at age 72 years, one month and eight days.

On Aug. 23, 1936, he married Ruby Marje Olsen. They spent the early years of their married life in Walnut, where he did custom feed grinding. Later he became engaged in farming. While in Shelby County, three

sons were born: Ronald, Jack and Richard. In 1952, he moved his family and farming operation to a farm near Melrose. There, daughter Pamela was born. In 1967, he began work in the maintenance department of the Monroe County Hospital where he worked until his retirement in 1977. In 1978, they sold the farm and moved to Russell where he made his home, except for winter months in Mesa, AZ. On Aug. 23, 1986, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dance in Melrose.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Virginia Wutzke. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; his children, Ronald of Chariton; Jack and Richard of Russell and Pamela (Mrs William) Sandy of Holdrege, NE. Also eight grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Edward Wutzke of Russell.

Memorial services were held at the Methodist Church in Russell on Feb. 18, 1988 with Rev. Tompsie Smith officiating. Burial was in the Russell cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for the Lucas County Health Center in Chariton.