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Kenard Rold Christensen, 70

Nov. 30, 1921 — Aug. 15, 1992

HARLAN — Kenard "Ken" Rold Christensen, son of Alvin L. and Sylvia M. (Rold) Christensen, was born Nov. 30, 1921, at the family home near Cuppy's Grove. He graduated from the 8th grade and worked in the area until he was drafted into the Army in 1942. He served three years in the 400th AA AW Battalion, Battery B., with 30 months overseas duty.

Upon returning from WWII, he married Judith E. Ostebee Dec. 9, 1945, in Irwin. She died May 23, 1980, in Harlan. They moved to Corley where he began his career with Squealer Feed & Grain Co., in 1949. In 1958, he transferred to Harlan. He continued to work for the company after it was sold and became Burmeister Farm Store. He

retired after more than 30 years, in Sept., 1981. Following retirement, he developed a widespread reputation for his woodcarvings. He was a member of three carving clubs: Nishna Valley Woodcarvers, Atlantic, Town & Country Woodcarvers, Audubon, and Mid-America Woodcarvers, Omaha, NE. He also attended many regional shows. During his lifetime, he was also a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and a member of the VFW Post #941, Harlan. He died Aug. 15, 1992, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 70 years, 8 months, and 16 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Judith; and two brothers, Alvin and Earl. Survivors include three sons, Larry (Susan) of Moraga, CA.; Steve (Patty) of Sycamore, IL., and Tim (Carmen) of Essex; one daughter, Lori of Harlan; two sisters-in-law, Mrs Hazel (Earl) Christensen of Scranton; and Mrs Ruby (Alvin) Christensen of Elk Horn; one brother, Richard, Sr. (Marilyn) of Grass Valley, CA.; two sisters, Mrs Jackie (Calvin) Petry of Hempstead, TX., and Mrs Jean (Floyd) Blakely of Iowa City; 7 grandchildren; many aunts, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Immanuel Lutheran church, Aug. 18, 1992, with Rev. Otto Zwanziger, officiating. Honorary casketbearers were Howard Gaer, Clarence Larson, Harlan Simonds, Marty Christensen, Dave Pederson, and Harold Shupe. Active casketbearers were Byron Christensen, David Christensen, Norval Nissen, Merlene Ostebee, Jack Christensen, and Chris Williams. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with graveside rites by the Harlan VFW Post #941. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.