

Leroy Gilbert Christensen, 91

Oct. 18, 1904-Aug. 18, 1996

Elk Horn - Leroy Gilbert Christensen, son of Chris and Anna Sorensen Christensen was born Oct. 18, 1904 two miles east of Kimballton, in Audubon County. He died Aug. 18, 1996 at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home at the age of 91. Leroy attended grade school at Sharon Center. March 28, 1920 he was baptized and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Kimballton. In 1946 he transferred his membership to the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and has been a member there since then.

June 19, 1946 he married Mathilda Nelsen at the Elk Horn Lutheran Parsonage. They made their home in Elk Horn through the past years. He farmed the home place along with his brother Gaylor for several years and then worked as a farm hand until 1944, when he started working for Green Bay Lumber Company. In 1945, he became manager of the United Building Center and held that position until he retired in 1970. He had been a member fo the Better Elk Horn Club since 1945, also served on various committees and community projects throughout the years. a member of the Elk Horn Fire Department for 38 years, helped build the Danish Windmill and was a volunteer as long as he was able to work there.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Guy and Gaylor; two sisters, Hazel Johnson and Johanna Nelsen; one sister-in-law, Meta Christensen; two brothers-in-law, Peter Nelson and Lars Johnson; and two nephews, Robert and Emmert Christensen.

He is survived by his wife, Mathilda, of Elk Horn, a daughter, Chriley Anderson (Wayne) of Solon; one granddaughter, Melissa Anderson of Solon; one sister-in law, Olivia Christensen of Elk Horn; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 21, 1996 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Rev. Michael Williams and Rev. Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Casket bearers were Gary Brewer, Burton Esbeck, Carl Bonnesen, Earl Madsen, Howard Sorensen and Chester Krogstad. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.