

Rodger H. Christensen, 54

Sept. 5, 1940 - Sept. 10, 1994

Anita - Rodger Hans Christensen, son of Hans Hansen and Martha (Petersen) Christensen was born Sept. 5, 1940 at Jacksonville. He was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville.

April 15, 1962, he married Flora Lavon Ferrell at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. They became the parents of one son, Loren Rodger. Rodger, or "Catfish" as he was known, farmed in partnership with his father near Jacksonville and also had a sport fishing shop on the farm. In 1984, he moved to Anita where he operated the Catfish Rod and Reel Repair. Over the years, his interest in fishing and the outdoors led to fishing tournaments where he was able to win several trophies. He had also been employed by the Lake Anita Sporting Goods and Bill Bailey Construction of Anita and worked on the farm with Nick Olesen. He died at his home in Anita Sept. 10, 1994 at age 54 years and five days. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, the Tri-County sportsman's Club of Atlantic, the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, the National Rifle Association and supported Cass County Conservation.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his son, Loren (Karen) Christensen of Bitburg, Germany; one granddaughter, Katherine Elizabeth Christensen; a sister, Joanne (Kenneth) Peterson of Indianola and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 15, 1994 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with Rev. Harrison J. Kline officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Bruce Aiff, Allen Christensen, Rod Watson, Tom Shinkle, Anton Clausen and Curt Mardesen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jim Elder, John W. Christensen, Nick Olesen, Dale Poldberg, Gary Christensen and Ron Christensen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.