

Alfred Christensen, 83

Oct. 10, 1920 - April 22, 2004

KIMBALLTON – Alfred Anton Christensen, son of Martinus and Marie Christensen, was born Oct. 10, 1920, in Tyler, MN. When Alfred was 17 years old, he along with his siblings, Ernest, Lydia and Arthur, moved with his parents to Iowa where they farmed. In 1941, to help with the World War effort, he worked at Consolidated Aircrafts, a defense contract plant in San Diego, CA. The following year, in November of 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Force. He served with the 61st Bomb Squadron 39th Bomb Group which first trained and served the B-24 bomber aircraft. The bomb group was later chosen to train with the new B-29 bomber and was sent to serve on the newly occupied island of Guam. He earned the rank of sergeant, two Bronze Stars for the Campaigns of the Western Pacific and Air Offensive of Japan, and the Good Conduct Medal during his three years and three months of service to his country. Alfred's lifelong occupation became farming.

May 16, 1947, he married Oda Kaltoft at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and Kimballton became their lifelong home. Together they had four children. He died April 22, 2004, at age 83.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Martinus and Marie Christensen; brothers, Ernest Christensen and Arthur Christensen; his sister, Lydia Jensen; sisters-in-law, LaVonne Christensen and Helen Jo Kaltoft; brother-in-law, LaVerne Kaltoft; and nephew, Ronald Jensen. Alfred is survived by his wife, Oda; his children, Anina Madsen (Charles), Rebecca Delaney (Robert), Jerome Christensen, and Marcus Christensen (Elizabeth); his grandchildren, Aaron and Analise Madsen; Ryan and Ian Delaney; and Andrew and Allyn Christensen; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Elaine Christensen, John Jensen, Vita and Paul Christensen, Leland Kaltoft, Martha Kaltoft and Kaja and Howard Juel; and 24 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 26, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, with Rev. Clayton Nielsen and Rev. Kevin Nelson officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Casket bearers were Jerome Christensen, Marcus Christensen, Charles Madsen, Aaron Madsen and Analise Madsen, Robert Delaney, Ryan Delaney and Ian Delaney. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.