

## **Arlie P. Christensen, 95**

*Dec. 29, 1906 – Jan. 8, 2002*

**MASON CITY** – Arlie Peter Christensen was born Dec. 29, 1906, in Shelby County, near Harlan, to Peter and Mary (Madsen) Christensen. He studied civil engineering at Iowa State University where he was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity.

July 11, 1936, he married Elinore Smetana of Plattsmouth, NE. Together, they raised four children. Arlie worked for the Iowa State Highway Commission for 43 years. He came to Mason City in 1941. He was first employed in the capacity of district materials engineer, then as district secondary roads engineer and finally as district maintenance engineer. He was a member of the Iowa Engineering Society. He retired in 1971. He served on the church council at Immanuel Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church. He was the institutional representative for Boy Scouts of America at Harding School for several years. After retirement, he served on the board of directors at the Senior Activity Center. He was also a director of the local AARP chapter. He died Jan. 8, 2002, at his home at age 95.

Arlie was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Ann Fabian. He is survived by his beloved wife, Elinore; three sons, Ronald of Lincoln, MA; Dennis of Cedar Rapids and Larry of Victor, ID; one daughter, Mary Lou of Medford, MA; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 2002, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mason City, with the Rev. John "Jack" Gannett officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Major Erickson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.