

Arnold Burdette Christensen, 72

May 30, 1928 – July 20, 2000

KIMBALLTON – Arnold Burdette Christensen, son of Gaylor and Olivia Molgaard Christensen, was born May 30, 1928, on his parents farm southwest of Audubon, and died July 20, 2000, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, at age 72 years, one month and 20 days. He was baptized as a Lutheran and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Burdette attended rural school in Sharon then was employed by several area farmers. Dec. 1, 1950, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. During his tour of duty he was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He was honorably discharged Nov. 27, 1952, and returned to operated the family farm.

Aug. 29, 1964, he married Margaret Lamme at the First Presbyterian Church in Vandalia, MO. Burdette started a herd of purebred Brown Swiss dairy cattle and Margaret raised geese and chickens. He raised purebred cattle until he sold the herd in 1974. He continued farming raising crops, hogs and cattle until he retired due to a farm accident. He lived on the farm until he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home Nov. 1, 1999. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, and had served as secretary of the church board. He was a member of the Brown Swiss Association and was very active in 4-H and showed cattle at the Iowa State Fair many times. He also was a member of the Harry Albertsen Post #51, AMVETS in Kimballton.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brother-in-law, Lee (Woody) Jensen and Wayne Hollingsworth; and his uncles and aunts, Norman Molgaard, Alfred and Bernice Molgaard, Guy and Meta Christensen, Roy Christensen, Johanna and Peter Nelson and Hazel and Lars Johnson. He is survived by his children, Karen Christensen of Bellevue, NE; Eric Christensen (Carla) of Audubon; Katherine Austin (Kevin) of Columbia, MO; his former spouse, Margaret V. Christensen of Williamsburg, MO; his brothers and sisters, Beulah Jensen of Omaha, NE; Doris Hollingsworth of Omaha, NE; Lamont and Lois Jean Christensen of Elk Horn; Ivan and Amy Christensen of Guthrie Center; Lyle and Marlene Christensen of Audubon; and Dale and Shirley Christensen of Marne; his aunts and uncles, Emmert and Fern Molgaard of LaHabra, CA; Hilmer and Dorothy Molgaard of Wiota; Gladys Molgaard of San Diego, CA; and Matilda Christensen of Elk Horn; and former mother-in-law, Frances Lamme of Vandalia, MO; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steven Frock July 25, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Military graveside services were conducted by Harry Albertsen Post #51, AMVETS, Kimballton. Honorary casket bearers were Mark Jensen, Jeff Hollingsworth, and Craig Christensen and Michael Christensen. Casket bearers were Steven Jensen, Brent Christensen, Larence Christensen, Jamie Christensen, Troy Christensen and Greg Drake. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.