

## Edward Christensen, 86

*Sept. 8, 1920 - Oct. 4, 2006*

**KIMBALLTON** — Edward Howard Christensen, son of Jens Peter and Cecella Hyrup (Sornsen) Christensen, was born Sept. 8, 1920, on his parents' farm west of Kimballton. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. He attended rural school, Sharon #9, graduating from the eighth grade and then began working on the family farm.

March 3, 1945, Ed married Betty Biederman in Harlan. They made their home on the family farm. Three children, two daughters and one son, were born to this union. Ed farmed the home place with his brother, Raymond, until Raymond's retirement in 1978. After his wife died in 1998, Ed continued to farm with his son. When his health started to fail, he became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn in July of 2005. He died there Oct. 4, 2006, at age 86 years and 26 days.

Preceding Ed in death are his parents; wife, Betty; three sisters, Marie and husband, Hans Albertsen; Ada and husband, Vernon Miller; Tena and husband, Bennie Elmquist; two brothers, Raymond Christensen and a brother in infancy. He is survived by three children, Carolyn (Wayne) Behrend of Manilla; Donna (Duane) Rathman of Springdale, AK; and Brent Christensen and Janice of Kimballton; four grandchildren, Debra Reed; Wendy (Scott) Kalbaugh; Tracy (Chris) Anzalone; and Britt (Mike) Graham; six great-grandchildren, Trey and Kyler Kalbaugh; Michael, Aliasha and Nolan Reed; and Brandi Graham; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, with Rev. Tony Ede officiating. Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery with Robert Bornholdt, Joseph Stroehrer, Larry Petersen, Bruce Thysen, Allen Andersen and Richard Mardesen casket bearers. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements.