

Orin Christensen, 75

Aug. 20, 1924 - July 27, 2000

HARLAN — Orin Clair Christensen, son of Edwin Russell and Hazel Murel (Christiansen) Christensen, was born Aug. 20, 1924, on the farm where he was currently living near Harlan. He attended Cuppy's Grove country school and graduated from Harlan High School in 1942. He spent the greatest part of his working life farming.

He married Jeannine Johnson March 2, 1948, at the First Baptist Church in Co. Bluffs. The couple farmed for 13 years, and then moved into Harlan. He worked as a sales rep. for the Iowa Soda Products Co. from 1960 to 1970. The couple then moved back to the country to Orin's family farm and resumed farming. He grew up as a member of the Altamont Baptist Church of rural Harlan, was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan, and was again, a member of the Altamont Baptist Church at the time of his death. He died July 27, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 75 years, 11 months and seven days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Ann Kathleen Christensen. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jeannine Christensen of Harlan; two sons, Michael Christensen (Gail) of Newport News, VA and Kim Christensen of Sioux City; three granddaughters, Jeannine Christensen, Rebecca Christensen and Ellen Gilbert; one great grandson, Arik; one brother, Eugene Christensen of Walnut, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 31, 2000, at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Dr. David W. Erickson and Pastor Michael Christensen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Harold Andersen, Richard Burmeister, Dwight Carroll, Eugene Block, Jack Carmichael, James Freund and Mark Rold. Casket bearers were Lynn Baughman, Richard Johnson, Ron Mathiesen, Dalton Jensen, Ralph Klindt and Jack Messenger. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.