

## ✓ Roy Lee Christensen, 85

*June 27, 1914 - Sept. 18, 1999*

**HARLAN** - Roy Lee Christensen, son of Martin and Sena (Jensen) Christensen, was born June 27, 1914, in Irwin. He attended country school through the eighth grade in Shelby County. During WW II, from 1942-1945, Roy served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Prometheus.

Jan. 23, 1946, he married Lillian Smrkovsky in Papillion, NE. The couple began farming in Shelby County. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, where he was baptized in 1929. He loved the land and in addition to farming, he gardened. He died Sept. 18, 1999, at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 85 years, two months and 22 days.

Preceding Roy in death were his parents and one sister, Leona Kingsbury. Survivors include his wife, Lillian Christensen of Harlan; two daughters, Arlene Christensen of Altoona and Mary (Kevin) Sowell of Kansas City, MO; one brother, Dale (Beverly) Christensen of Chariton; two grandchildren, Mary Ann (Victor) Pecina and Eric South, both of Kansas City, MO and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 22, 1999, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Victor Pecina, Eric South, Kevin Sowell, Rodney Owens, Kenneth Peters, Todd Davis and Kirk Jacobsen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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