

Edward U. Christiansen, 97

March 14, 1901 - April 13, 1998

HARLAN - Edward Urli Christiansen, son of Soren Michael and Mary (Jensen) Christiansen, was born March 14, 1901, in Center Township, Shelby County. He grew up on the farm and attended country school. He helped his father farm until his father's death, then continued to farm on his own.

Edward married Theo Paup Sorenson Aug. 26, 1947. Theo died Oct. 10, 1959. Three years after his wife's death, he retired from farming. He joined the I.O.O.F. Odd Fellows Lodge in 1964, and served as Noble Grand for one year. He also served as a trustee of Center Township for 25 years and as a director of the Farmer's Mutual Insurance for over 41 years. He died April 13, 1998, at the Baptist Memorial Home at age 97 years and 30 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers, Anna Andersen, Perry Christiansen, Bessie Christiansen, Lester Christiansen; two infant brothers, Holger and Herbert Christiansen; an infant sister, Dora Christiansen; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were held April 16, 1998, at the Harlan Cemetery with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.