

Lester L. Christiansen, 88

Feb. 12, 1909 - May 29, 1997 ✓

HARLAN - Lester Lincoln Christiansen, son of Soren Michael and Mary (Jensen) Christiansen, was born Feb. 12, 1909, on the farm of his parents in Center Township, Shelby County. Later, he moved with his parents to a new house in Center Township, and attended rural school near there. He grew to adulthood helping on the family farm. In 1941, Lester moved to his own farm in Center Township which he farmed for two years. He then sold the land and went into the trucking business. Four years later, he sold the business, and in 1949, he and his sister, Bessie, purchased a home in Harlan. In 1971, he moved into a room in the Harlan Hotel, and when it closed in 1981, he moved to a room at the Highway Motel. Sept. 1, 1989, he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home and this has been his home since that time. It was there that he died May 29, 1997, at age 88 years, three months and 17 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers, Anna Andersen, Perry Christiansen, Bessie Christiansen, two infant brothers, Holger and Herbert Christiansen, and an infant sister, Dora Christiansen. He is survived by his brother, Edward U. Christiansen of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 3, 1997, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. David Erickson of Altamont Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Cuppy's Grove Cemetery with Ken Peters, Ralph Klindt, Max Klindt, Robert Rold, John Knudson and Leo Nielsen casket bearers.