

## Wayne Hansen, 82

*Dec. 26, 1922 - Sept. 8, 2005*

**HARLAN** — Wayne Charles Hansen, son of Marinus and Elsie (Shelor) Hansen, was born Dec. 26, 1922, in Jacksonville. He was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. He attended school at Copenhagen Jackson No. 9 Country School in Jacksonville. Aug. 18, 1944, he enlisted in the United States Navy at Harlan, and served as an Anti-Aircraft Gunnery Instructor during World War II and was awarded an American Area Campaign Medal as well as World War II Victory Medal. Wayne was honorably discharged April 24, 1946. After his discharge, he returned to Shelby County.



June 26 1946, Wayne married Lois Jensen at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Four children were born to this union, Becky, Bruce, Brent and Brenda. After their marriage, the couple farmed north of Walnut for two years before moving to a farm in Monroe Township, which they purchased from his wife's parents in 1949. After 42 years of farming, they retired and moved to Harlan. He served as a Shelby County Soil Conservation Commissioner for twelve years. He was one of the first ones in the area to build terraces and do no-till planting. Wayne was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville and held various offices on the church council. After retiring from farming, he worked with wood in his shop. Miniature horse hitch projects were one of his specialties as were many of the things he made with wood. He died Sept. 8, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 82 years, eight months, and 13 days.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his brother, LuVerne. Survivors include his wife, Lois of Harlan; his children, Becky (Larry) Eskov of Harlan; Bruce Hansen (Ann) of Atlantic; Brent Hansen (Linda) of Avoca; Brenda (Ron) Hamilton of Walnut; nine grandchildren; sister, Norma Jean (Miles) Camery of Albuquerque, NM; sister-in-law, Shirley Hansen of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 10, 2005, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Rev. Ron Rasmussen officiating. Military Rites were conducted in the Jacksonville Cemetery by the American Legion Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Honorary casket bearers were Bob Petersen, James Kemp, Victor Hoogensen, Charles Martens, Gary Clausen, Nick White, and Harvey Greve. Casket bearers were Dan Hansen, Zachary Hamilton, Matt Hansen, Dillan Hamilton, David Eskov, and Adam Hansen. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.