

Nels Jensen, 92

AVOCA - Nels Jensen was born Jan. 29, 1898 at Holte, Denmark. He was the son of Jens and Elsie Nielsen Jensen. He was one of 12 sons in the family. He attended school in Denmark. In 1923 he came to the U.S. to make his home.

He married Kathrine Nielsen-Hjornet Oct. 17, 1924 in Harlan. They made their home on farms in the Avoca and Hancock areas. They were the parents of six children. He retired from farming and moved to Avoca in 1959. After moving to town, he was engaged in many occupations including upholstering, carpentry, lawn work and most anything anyone asked him to help them with. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. In 1989 he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan where he died Dec. 21, 1990, at age 92 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Carl Jensen and Ellen Kjeldgaard; one grandchild; 2 great-grandchildren and 5 brothers. Survivors include his wife Kathrine of Avoca; four children, Elsie Baker of Co. Bluffs; Elmer Jensen (Frances) of Shelby; Betty Paulsen of Atlantic; and Robert Jensen (Ellen) of Tennant; daughter-in-law, Leila Jensen of Harlan; son in law, Howard Kjeldgaard (Mary) of Co. Bluffs; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; six brothers, Christian, Theodore, Ottenius, Elman, Johannes and Frants, all living in Denmark, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24, 1990 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Dean Sudman, officiating and Mr Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant. Burial was in Graceland cemetery in Avoca with Ed Weihs, Richard Jensen, Dwayne Paulsen, Randall Jensen, Wade Jensen and Kevin Kjeldgaard serving as casketbearers. Knulson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.