

Emory Jensen, 81

May 28 1918 - Feb. 15, 2000

ELK HORN - Emory, son of Sorn and Marie Elizabeth "Lisa" Petersen Jensen, was born May 28, 1918, at home southwest of Elk Horn in Shelby County. He attended rural school in the Brayton area. During and after his schooling, he assisted with the family farm. After Pearl Harbor was attacked Dec. 7, 1941, Emory was the first man drafted from Audubon County. During World War II, he served in the United States Army with the 32nd Infantry Division in New Guinea and later with an Ordinance Division. He received his honorable discharge in 1945, and returned to farming on the family farms near Brayton and Elk Horn.

Aug. 18, 1961, he married Gladys Ferguson Hansen at the Little Brown Church in the Vale at Nashua. They lived on various farms south and west of Elk Horn and farmed his land. In 1978, they moved onto an acreage on Main Street in Elk Horn. He then worked for 17 years for Steen Produce. He was a member of Elk Horn Lutheran Church, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. In early December of 1999, he became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, where he died Feb. 15, 2000. He reached the age of 81 years, eight months and 18 days.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his stepmother, Margaret Williamson Jensen. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Jensen of Elk Horn; a stepdaughter, Phyllis (Jack) LaBelle of Loon Lake, WA; a stepson, Harry Hansen of Wilmington, NC; several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren; a half-sister, Josephine (Kenneth) Brown of Watervliet, MI; two brothers, Otis Jensen and Leonard Jensen of Atlantic; a sister, Edna Jensen of Atlantic; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18, 2000, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion Post 322 of Elk Horn. Honorary casket bearers were Wilbur Sorensen, Emmert Steen, LaVerne Johnston and Chris Andersen. Casket bearers were Lyle Petersen, Wilfred Eskov, Calvin Hoegh, Frank Hemmingsen, Clark Steen and John Leistad. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.