

## **Sophus Jensen, 78**

**Jan. 25, 1919 - March 1, 1997**

**EXIRA** - Sophus Jensen, son of Nels and Dagmar Jensen, was born Jan. 25, 1919, in Gates, Oakfield Township, Audubon County, and died March 1, 1997, at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital in Audubon at age 78 years, one month and six days. His mother died when he was born and he was raised by his father and his Aunt Elsie Johanna Jensen. He was baptized and confirmed at the Oakfield Lutheran Church west of Brayton. He attended rural schools in Gates, Oakfield Township then helped operate the family farm and helped other farmers.

Oct. 12, 1941, he married Gladys Marie Petersen at the Hamlin Lutheran Church. They farmed in Sharon Township until he was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in the Medical Corps until he was discharged in 1943. He returned to Sharon Township where they farmed for several years, then they operated various farms in Audubon and Shelby Counties until they retired and moved to Exira in 1988. He was a member of the Hamlin Lutheran Church in Hamlin.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his aunt, Elsie Johanna Jensen; his brother, Anton, and his wife Nettie, Jensen; his sister-in-law, Elena Jensen, and his brother-in-law, Hugo Cordes. Survivors include his wife, Gladys Marie Jensen of Exira; his children and their spouses, Roger (Linda) Jensen of Atlantic; Robert (Marnell) Jensen of Adair; Howard (Carol) Jensen and Dalton (Gayl) Jensen all of Harlan; 12 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Chris "Pete" Jensen; Hilga Cordes; Lillie (Tom) Nelson all of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steven Frock March 4, 1997, at the Hamlin Lutheran Church in Hamlin. Burial was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery northeast of Kimballton. Casket bearers were his grandchildren, Lonny Jensen, Dana Jensen, Dale Jensen, Daniel Jensen, Crystal Ruth, Connie Jensen, Laurie Jensen, Lisa Jensen and Debra Jensen. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.