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Alvin Jensen, 93

Jan. 21, 1913 - Jan. 12, 2007

AVOCA — Wilson Jensen, son of Jens and Jennie Damgaard Jensen, was born Jan. 21, 1913, in Shelby. Alvin and his siblings grew up on his grandfather Jensen's farm northeast of Shelby. He was baptized in the Danish Lutheran Church and later confirmed in the United Lutheran Church in Shelby. He attended country school and Shelby Community School until the 11th grade. After his schooling he worked at many farm jobs before he joined the Navy and served from 1936 until 1940 and was stationed on the Battleship Colorado during that time. He was honorably discharged from the Navy as a Second Class Petty Officer.



Alvin married Elma Mary Rohrs Feb. 10, 1950, in Council Bluffs. In the spring of 1952 they moved to the Rohrs family farm with their new son, Robert A. Jensen. Alvin, Elma and Robert have had the honor of their farm being recognized as one of the Century Farms in the State of Iowa. Alvin retired at age 68 but remained active helping Robert and planted his last crop in 2003. He died at his home Jan. 12, 2007, at age 93 years, 11 months and three days, nine days short of his 94th birthday.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Elma; one brother, Jens Jensen; and sister, Frances Johansen. Survivors include his son, Robert Jensen of Shelby; his brothers: Leonard Jensen of Hemet, CA, Marlin Jensen (Pernilla) of Oakland, NE; sisters-in-law: Helen Gaynor of Fullerton, CA, and Joan Jensen of Bloomfield, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 16, 2007, at the Shelby Lutheran Church with Pastor Duane Anunson officiating. Casket bearers were Paul Wise, Gerald Buck, Larry Johansen, Duane Johnson, Vern Bauer and Gene Wahling. Burial was held in the Shelby Cemetery, Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.