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Olav Kirk, 84

April 9, 1922 - April 6, 2007

HARLAN - Olav Kirk, the son of Svend and Guldborg (Holm) Kirk, was born April 9, 1922, in Roskilde, Denmark. He was raised and educated in Denmark. During World War II, Olav served in the Danish Underground. He immigrated to the United States in 1948, and was honored to become a United States citizen April 11, 1955. Olav farmed his aunt's land and worked as a carpenter. He also worked several years at the pork plant in Harlan. After the plant closed, he was employed as a handyman, doing odd jobs.



July 18, 1964, Olav married Leora Arlene Troll at the old Immanuel Lutheran Church building in Harlan. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He died April 6, 2007, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 84 years, 11 months, and 28 days.

Olav was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Gudrun Johansen; one brother, Borge Kirk; and one son, Galen Sorensen. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Leora Kirk of Harlan; two sons, Ricky (Kaomi) Sorensen of Harlan, and Daryl (Mary) Sorensen of Tempe, AZ; one daughter, Donna (Bob) Van Leuven of Mesa, AZ; four brothers, Uffe Kirk, Viggo Kirk, Helge Kirk, and Frode Kirk, all of Denmark; ten grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren and other relatives in Denmark.

A memorial service was held April 12, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastors Steve Chellew and Heather Ploen officiating. Burial of ashes took place in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.