

Peter Madsen, 94

HARLAN – Peter Madsen, son of Lars and Anna Kirstine (Andersen) Madsen was born on Dec. 26, 1894 at Harlan. He died Oct. 23, 1989 at Salem Lutheran Nursing Home, Elk Horn, at age 94 years, nine months and 27 days. He was baptized in the Danish Baptist Church and graduated from Harlan High School. After high school, he attended Iowa State College in Ames. June 5, 1917, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving his country during WW I. After his honorable discharge on May 7, 1919, he returned to Shelby County.

Dec. 29, 1920, he married Helen Whitney at his parents home in Harlan. They were the parents of two children. After their marriage, they farmed south of Harlan and also near Manilla until 1959, when they returned from farming and moved into Harlan. Sept. 17, 1981, he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. After the death of his wife on May 28, 1985, he continued to reside at the home until the time of his death. He was a member of the Parian Lodge, No. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a grand son, Bruce Andersen; four sisters; and other brother. He is survived by his daughter, Betty Lou (Mrs Harry) Andersen of Marne; his son, William Madsen of Broomfield, CO.; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruby Benedict of Ventura, CA.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Chaplain LeVern S. Nielsen of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Wyatt Kokes, Harold Lansman, Steve Madsen, Charles Kokes, Phil W. Madson and Craig Andersen as casket-bearers.