

CLIFTON CHRISTENSEN, 78

Clifton Harley Christensen, son of Nels C. and Anna Christofferson Christensen, was born June 12, 1896 on a farm near Kimballton in Audubon county. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Sept. 23, 1974 at age 78 years, 3 months and 11 days. As a young boy he moved with his family to a farm in Jackson township in Shelby county, where he attended school and grew to adulthood. On June 23, 1915 he married Millie Scott at her family home in Merrill's Grove. Three children were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Christensen were privileged to observe their 59th wedding anniversary this year. After their marriage, they farmed in Shelby county, except for three years that they lived in Minnesota. In 1946 they moved to their present home in Harlan. Mr Christensen was a member of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan for many years and he served as trustee of this church for nine years. He later became a Charter Member of the First Baptist church of Harlan.

He is survived by his wife, Millie; his two daughters - Bernadine (Mrs Lester Gaer) and Jean (Mrs Webb Hemminger), both of Harlan; by his son - Donald D. Christensen of Harlan; by nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; by his sister - Edrie (Mrs Alfred Thraen) of Fremont, Nebr.; by his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Sept. 26, 1974 at Pauley Home for Funerals in Harlan with Pastor Peter M. Kemper officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Roger Gaer, Galen Gaer, Jeff Christensen, Dale Hemminger, Dennis Hemminger and Dwayne Hemminger, his grandson, serving as pallbearers.