

# Elmer Christensen, 74

Elmer Christensen, son of Fred H. and Jorgina Hansen Christensen, was born on a farm in Jackson twp., Shelby county, on April 8, 1904. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended Jackson twp. school No. 5 and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm.

On Aug. 18, 1927, he married Stella Henriksen at the home of her parents in Center township. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Christensen farmed in Jackson twp. They retired from farming in 1958 and moved to Harlan where Elmer worked as a carpenter for several years. The Christensens were privileged to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary this past August. Elmer died at his home in Harlan on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1978, at 74 years, seven months and six days.

While on the farm, Mr Christensen was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church at Jacksonville and since 1961 has been a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters - Sidsel Marie Christensen in infancy and by Elva Fabian. His survivors include his wife, Stella, of Harlan; a son, Fred Christensen of Nampa, Idaho; a daughter, Mildred (Mrs Dick Milcox) of Cherry Hill, N.J.; and five grandchildren, by three brothers - Hans H. Christensen of Harlan, Arthur Christensen of Audubon and Walter Christensen of Jacksonville; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan on Friday, Nov. 17, 1978, with Pastor Clifford H. Nelson and David Menz, Intern, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Dean Fabian, Derald Kumm, Gary Christensen, John W. Christensen, Rodger H. Christensen and Ronald A. Christensen serving as casketbearers.