

The Life Story of --

Martin S. Christensen, 90

Martin S. Christensen, son of Elizabeth and Morten Christensen was born Febr. 22, 1884 in Aalborg, Denmark. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on May 7, 1974 at age 90 years, 2 months, 15 days. Mr Christensen came to the U.S. as a young man. He first went to the Exira and Brayton area, where he worked as a farm hand. He later worked on various farms in Shelby county. On April 5, 1910 he married Pena Jensen in Audubon. Three children were born to this union: Leona (Mrs Leo Kingsbury), Roy L. and Dale, all of Harlan. Mr and Mrs Christensen were privileged to observe their 61st wedding anniversary before her death on Sept. 23, 1971. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Christensen farmed in Shelby county and in 1941 they moved to their farm southeast of Harlan. Mr Christensen was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Denmark and he has been a member of Immanuel Lutheran church since moving to Harlan.

In addition to his wife, Mr Christensen was preceded in death by six brothers - Chris and Emil Christensen, who both died in this country and Jens, Ferdinand, Magnes, and Anton Martinus Christensen, who all died in Denmark; and by one sister - Mrs Maren Laurisen, in Denmark. He is survived by his children; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Pauley Home for Funerals in Harlan on Friday, May 10, 1974 with Pastor Orville Sanderson of Immanuel Lutheran church, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Paul Scott, Paul Larsen, Donald Poole, Clarence Cook, Gaillard R. Heflin and Edward Mathiasen serving as pallbearers.