

# Otto Christensen

**WALNUT** — Otto Marinus Christensen was born Feb. 4, 1893 in Shelby county, son of Chris and Christina Paulsen Christensen. He married Clara Fischer on Oct. 18, 1911 and they lived in the Walnut area except for a year in Storm Lake and Co. Bluffs. Mr Christensen operated a hatchery in Walnut and was also an insurance adjuster. They had two children, Ivan and Phyllis. He was a member of Peace United Church of Christ. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1961 and their 65th in the fall of 1976. They were residents of Peace Haven Home in Walnut, but he drove down town nearly every day to visit with friends. He died April 12, 1977 at Cass County Memorial hospital in Atlantic, following a few days illness at age of 84 years, 3 months and 8 days.

Survivors include his widow, Clara, son Ivan, of Sequim, Wash., a daughter, Mrs Hurst (Phyllis) Otto of Grand Junction, Colo., eight grandchildren: Clark Christensen of Chicago; David Christensen of Cadott, Wisc., Mrs Kirby (Sarah) Smith of Barrington, Ill., Mrs Tom Lund of Houston, Tex., Greg and Chris Otto of Grand Junction, Colo., and Linda and Eric Christensen of San Francisco and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 13, 1977, at Peace United Church of Christ with Bruno Romanowski, officiating. Honorary bearers were Lewis Fredericksen, Jake Vinding, Arthur Mertz, Henry Koenig, Zell Cook and Leonard Troll. Casketbearers were Henry Thiessen, Norman Sievers, Herbert Mertz, Louis Pedersen, Harold Lafrentz and Henry Goettsch. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery.