

1983 **Walter Christensen, 73**

Walter Christensen, the son of Fred H. and Jorgina Hansen Christensen was born June 25, 1910, on a farm in Jackson twp., Shelby Co. He was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran church at Jacksonville. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his family farm.

On March 8, 1933, he married Margaret White at the Bethlehem Lutheran church at Jacksonville. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Jackson twp. for 39 years, before he retired from farming in 1972, and then went to work for the Iowa Conservation Commission as a Conservation Aide at Pairie Rose State Park in Shelby Co. In 1979, they moved to Harlan. This has been their home since that time.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church at Jacksonville, where he taught Sunday school and was the choir director for 35 years. In 1979 when they moved to Harlan, they also moved their church membership to the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan and he continued to stay active in the church choir. He died at Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital in Co. Bluffs on Aug. 25, 1983, at the age of 73 years and 2 months.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Sidsel Marie and Elva Fabian and also one brother, Elmer. he is survived by his wife, Margaret of Harlan; two daughters, Patricia (Mrs Derald) Kumm of Harlan and Mary Ellen (Mrs Herman) Marsh of Torrance, Calif.; one son, John of rural Harlan; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren; two brothers, Arthur Christensen of Audubon and Hans H. Christensen of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan on Monday, Aug. 29, 1983, with Pastor Kenneth P. Alpers and Pastor Paul R. Olsen, officiating.

Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery, Jacksonville with William Reid, Michael Glenn, Bryan Trimbath, James Walter Kumm, Jerry Christensen, Grant Christensen, Michael Christensen and J. Scott Christensen serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.