

Hans C. Christiansen, 73

Hans Christian Christiansen, eldest son of Chris N. and Anna Hansen Christiansen, was born April 9, 1908 in Hamlin. Both his parents had come to Iowa from Denmark and at the age of two, he moved with his family to Harlan, where his father established a harness-making shop for the farmers of Shelby co. He attended school in Harlan, graduating from Harlan high school in 1927. He then attended Simpson College in Indianola, later returning to Harlan where he was employed by McPheeter's Drug store in 1930.

On July 3, 1932, he married Thurline Murray in Bethany, Mo. Two sons, Gary and Monty, were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan where he continued to work at McPheeter's Drug store until 1948, when he was appointed the first Shelby County Assessor. He has been the County Assessor for the past 33 years and was one of only two remaining County Assessors originally appointed when the state's new assessor law was adopted.

He was a member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan as well as a member of the Iowa State Assoc. of Assessors and the International Assoc. of Assessing Officers. He served on a variety of civic committees for the City of Harlan, including the Land Use Study committee and the Public Property committee.

He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital, Harlan on Thursday, Nov. 12, 1981, at the age of 73 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Christiansen. He is survived by his wife, Thurline of Harlan; his two sons, Gary of Harlan and Monty of State College, Penn.; five grandchildren, Richard of Spr-



ingfield, Mo., Dennis of Omaha, nee, Brent at home with his parents in Harlan and Charisse and Erika, both at home with their parents in State College; one brother, Louis of Harlan; four sisters, Helena Christiansen of Omaha, Anna (Mrs Robert) Morris of Harlan, Elsea (Mrs Earl) Noon of Walnut and Martha (Mrs Gilbert) Sievers of St. Louis, Mo.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, Nov. 16, 1981 with Dr. Larry LaVelle of the First United Methodist church officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Mrs Bud Guyett, Wilbert Rossmann, Leonard Grimsley, Linda L. Campbell, Donna B. Williams, Carol A. Renander and Robert Heyderhoff serving as honorary casketbearers and H. Clay Pauley, Henry E. Kaufman, H.W. (Bud) Ouren, Lowell V. Holmes, Orrell D. Gearhart and Clarence McDermott serving as casketbearers.