

## PHILIP CHRISTIANSEN

Philip Christiansen, the son of Martin and Lizzie (Schafer) Christiansen was born on September 23, 1896 on a farm near Monroe Township, Shelby County, Iowa. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parents farm in Monroe Township.

On September 5, 1918, Philip enlisted into the United States Army at Harlan, Iowa where he served his country as a private. After his Honorable Discharge on March 21, 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Philip returned to the Monroe Township area to farm.

On January 23, 1929 he was united in marriage to Blanche Thoisen at her parents home in Shelby County. One daughter Marjorie was born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen made their home and farmed on Blanche's parents farm in Shelby County until moving to Harlan in 1973 when they retired. They were privileged to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in January of 1980. Philip became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Iowa in October of 1979 and Blanche became a resident there in December of 1979. After Mrs. Christiansen died on January 3, 1980 Philip continued to make his home at the Salem Lutheran Home. This has been his home since that time.

Mr. Christiansen died at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Iowa on June 16, 1985 having attained the age of 88 years, 8 months and 23 days.

He was a member of the First Baptist in Harlan, Iowa.

In addition to his wife, Blanche, Philip was preceded in death by one granddaughter Lori Jean Nelson.

He is survived by one daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Herbert) Nelson of Elk Horn, Iowa; four grandchildren Lisa Nelson of Rochester, Minnesota, Fred and Jeff Nelson of Audubon, Iowa and Rick Nelson of Corning, Iowa; three great grandchildren Kris, Amy and Jeppe Nelson; other relatives and many friends.

In Memory Of

**PHILIP CHRISTIANSEN**

Born September 23, 1896  
Monroe Township, Shelby County, Iowa

Died June 16, 1985

Elk Horn, Iowa

**Services From The**  
Pauley Funeral Home  
Harlan, Iowa

Wednesday, June 19, 1985  
at 2:00 P.M.

**Clergyman**

Pastor Mike Marcum

**Organist**

Mrs. Roland Petersen

**Vocalists**

Don Gibson and Brian Gibson

**Casket Bearers**

Jim Stewart

John Stewart

Rick N. Nelson

Paul Stewart

Jeff J. Nelson

Fred L. Nelson

**Interment**

Harlan Cemetery

Harlan, Iowa

An invitation is extended to the relatives and friends to meet with the family in the Community Room of the Harlan National Bank at the close of the services.