

Rev. Andrew Christophersen, 98

Rev. Andrew Christophersen, the son of Peter and Bertha Christophersen, was born Aug. 26, 1885 in Bornholm, Denmark. Rev. Christophersen was baptized in the Danish Baptist church and grew to adulthood in Denmark.

On May 22, 1905 he came to the U.S. where he first settled in Peoria, Ill. For several years, he worked on midwestern area farms before entering the Baptist Theological Seminary in Des Moines, in 1917.

On Dec. 22, 1919, he married Christie Jensen at Des Moines. After their marriage, they continued to live in Des Moines until he received his Bachelor of Theology Degree and was ordained a Baptist Minister in 1921.

His first ministry was a tent ministry, preaching to people in portable tent churches in the midwest. He went on to serve regular Baptist churches in S.D., Wisc., Neb., Ind. and Mich. He retired in 1960 and lived for a short time in Colon and Sturgis, Mich., moving to Harlan in 1965. They both became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home at that time. On April 18, 1967, Christie, his wife of 48 years died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. He was also preceded in death by his parents and four brothers. He continued to reside at the Baptist Memorial Home where he died on Monday, Dec. 26, 1983 at the age of 89 years and 4 months. He is survived by one son - Norman Christophersen of Jones, Mich.; one daughter, - Betty (Mrs Ronald Zonker) of Delta, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 29, 1983 at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan with the Rev. Arthur Andersen of Waukee, officiating. Burial was in the Cuppy's Grove cemetery, Harlan with John Wooster, James Jensen, Floyd Jensen, Charles Wooster, Clifford Hanson and Chris Christophersen serving as casketbearers.