

THE LIFE STORY OF —

John C.

Hansen, 81

Harlan — John Christian Hansen, son of Andrew and Othea Thompson Hansen was born in Kaas Jetsmark, Denmark, June 21, 1897. He died at Good Samaritan hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., on July 20, 1978, just 30 days after his 81st birthday. John was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church and attended school in Denmark. At the age of 19 he moved with his parents and family to the U.S. and settled on a farm in Shelby county near Harlan. He worked on farms for a short time and then farmed with his father.

On Dec. 10, 1926 he married Marie C. Andersen in Co. Bluffs. To this union three sons were born. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Hansen farmed near Harlan, Prairie Rose and Cuppy's Grove before moving to a farm near Corley in 1942. They retired from farming after 1965. After Marie's death on Febr. 26, 1967, John continued to live in the Corley vicinity.

On June 15, 1968, he married Martena Bartelson at the Neighborhood Congregational church in Phoenix, Ariz. After their marriage, John and Martena made their home in Phoenix.

He was preceded in death by his parents. In addition to his wife, Martena, of Phoenix, Ariz., he is survived by his three sons - Norman, Gordon and Gary, all of Harlan; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, by his sister, Mrs Marie Herkenrath of Omaha; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, July 24, 1978, with Pastor J. Harry Thomsen, Chaplain of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Alvin Bauer, Arthur Boysen, Wilbert C. Rossmann and Andrew C. Sondergaard as honorary bearers and Calvin Bartelson, Junior Bartelson, Francis Andersen, Alfred H. Nielsen, Harry J. C. Johnson and Arnold R. Christensen serving as casket-bearers.