

# Nels Jacobsen, 81

Nels Jacobsen, son of Hans Peter and Anna Margrethe Christiansen Jacobsen, was born in Vijen, Denmark on Oct. 20, 1896. He came to the U.S. with his parents at the age of 10 and they settled on a farm in Lincoln twp. near Tennant. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on the farm. Nels entered the Army in April of 1917. He was wounded twice in the line of duty while serving in France during WW I. After receiving his honorable discharge in Sept. of 1919, he returned to Iowa and made his home in Harlan. On Nov. 16, 1921, he married Lillian May Hoover in Harlan. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Jacobsen lived for a short time in Mo. Valley. They moved to Harlan in 1922 and operated the Jacobsen Grocery Store on the east side of the square for many years. After his wife's death in Aug. of 1958, he continued to make his home in Harlan.

On May 14, 1960, he married to Jessie Sorenson Hervey at the First Baptist church in Harlan. Nels retired in 1960 and he and Mrs Jacobsen made their home in Harlan until 1969 when they moved to their present home in Phoenix, Ariz. It was here he died Sunday, April 23, 1978, at age of 81 years, six months and three days.

Mr Jacobsen was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941, the Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150, American Legion and the I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 267, all of Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jacob and Aage Jacobsen; and by a step-son, Ellsworth Hervey. His survivors include his wife, Jessie, of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sons - Robert of Harlan and Richard of Phoenix; two daughters, Jean Alice (Mrs Bob Petersen) of rural Harlan and Delores (Mrs Lowell Wiley) of Fairfax and ten grandchildren, by five brothers - John, Harold, Harvey and Alfred Jacobsen, all of Harlan and Victor Jacobsen of Helena, Mont.; a sister, Helen (Mrs Alfred Nielsen) of Harlan; a step-son, Dean Hervey of Watsonville, Calif.; two step-daughters, Addie (Mrs David Outhouse) of Defiance and Leah (Mrs Lennie Jave) of Atlantic; ten step-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral home in Harlan, Thursday, April 27, 1978, with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Bruce Wiley, Jim Petersen, Jeff Petersen, Andy Jacobsen, Robin Jacobsen, Roger Jacobsen and Steven Petersen serving as casketbearers.