

Andrew Christian Sondergaard, 83

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Andrew Christian Sondergaard, son of Ole and Maren Nelson Sondergaard was born April 21, 1900 in Vejby, Denmark. He was baptized and confirmed in the Stak Lutheran church, attended school and grew to adulthood in Denmark where he also was an apprentice in a grocery store.

He came to America about 1920 and started working for Nels Jorgensen. He later worked on the road crew, dynamiting, as they were paving Highway 64. He also worked on other farms in the area until his marriage.

When he had established himself on a farm, he sent for Rigmor Petersen to come to America. They were married at the Lutheran Parsonage in Harlan on Feb. 3, 1927. One son was born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed south of Harlan Lincoln twp. In 1939 they moved to a farm southeast of Corley, in Fairview twp. which was their home until they retired and moved to Harlan in 1970. They were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Feb. 3, 1975. They were both longtime members of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan.

Before her death on Feb. 7, 1975, they had planned to retire to Fla. In keeping with that plan, he moved to Port Richey, Fla. in Oct. of 1975. This was his home until returning to Harlan in April of 1982 and making his home with his daughter-in-law, Marlene Sondergaard. He then purchased his own home but because of ill health, became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan in Jan. of 1983. He died Saturday, June 25, 1983 at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan at the age of 83 years, 2 months and 4 days.

In addition to his parents, his wife and his son, Hoffman, he was preceded in death by seven brothers, Tinus, Martin, Niels, Jens Christian, Jens, Thorvold and Peter Sondergaard; three sisters - Johanna, Damgar and Otilia Jorgensen. He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Marlene Sondergaard of Harlan; four grandchildren, Lin Sheryl, Ruth Ann and Ronald and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Agnes Pedersen and a brother Niels Jensen Sondergaard, both in Denmark. He has nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, June 28, 1983 at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan with Pastors Kenneth P. Alpers and Paul R. Olsen officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Amond Ohms, John Swisher, Andersen, Darrell Nelson, Marvin Andersen and Kenneth Pedersen serving as casketbearers. Honorary casketbearers were Edward J. Jensen and John W. H.