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Christian Sigvard Willadsen, 77

IRWIN — Christian Sigvard Willadsen was born Jan. 30, 1904, in Tranget, Denmark. He died Thursday, Aug. 13, 1981, at the Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 77. He was educated, raised and farmed for ten years in Denmark.

During World War II, he joined forces with the underground against Nazi Germany in occupied Denmark. On Sept. 17, 1935, he and Astrid were married at Vrejlev, Denmark and to this union seven children were born.

His family immigrated to the U.S. in 1947 to Irwin, where he was employed for many years at the Lykke Produce. For the past 12 years he has worked part time at Mickel's Restaurant in Harlan. Chris was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Irwin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Alice in 1952, one granddaughter, three sisters and two brothers. Survivors include his wife Astrid of Irwin; four sons, Lars of Van Buren, AR.; Hans of Ochevedan, IA.; John and Carl, both of Sedalia, MO.; two daughters, Ella (Mrs Don) Petersen of Manly, IA. and Karen (Mrs Delane) Wright of Harlan. He is also survived by two sisters in Denver, 18 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 15, 1981 at the St. Paul's Lutheran church in Irwin with Pastor Tim Zingale officiating. Burial was in the Danway cemetery with Axel Nielsen and Julius Wareberg serving as honorary bearers and Don Ferry, Richard Ott, Mayer Knudson, Chris Petersen, Clarence L. Olson and John V. Andersen serving as casketbearers.

Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home of Harlan.