

## LaVern "Buster" Andersen, 85

*Feb. 23, 1921 - Dec. 8, 2006*

**HARLAN** — LaVern "Buster" Andersen, the son of Andrew and Emma (Johansen) Andersen, was born Feb. 23, 1921, in Jacksonville. He attended Jackson #5 country school. Buster worked on the family farm from 1937-1942. During World War II, he worked in a munition plant in Omaha. He also helped his sister, Anna, in her home. For a short while, He sold Ness products door-to-door. In the early 1950's, he again lived on the home place, where he kept cows. During that time, he also worked as a telephone switchboard operator in Jacksonville. Later, he was employed as a custodian by Peterson Brothers in Jacksonville and E.M. Christensen Motors in Harlan. Due to poor health, Buster retired in 1998, and made his home in the Westridge Apartments in Harlan. He became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, in May, 2005. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. He died Dec. 8, 2006, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 85 years, nine months, and 15 days.

Buster was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Arthur Andersen (in infancy), Peter Andersen, Mathies Andersen, Frank Andersen, Elmer Andersen, and Roy Andersen; and four sisters, Dora Copeland, Mata Littleton, Anna Esbeck, and Myrtle Croft. Survivors include one brother, Earl (Leota) Andersen of Atlantic; one sister, Arlene Adams of Kirkman; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 11, 2006, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. Casket bearers were Jerry Andersen, Richard L. Andersen, Keith E. Andersen, Eugene C. Hess, Roger Andersen, and Ron Adams. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.