

## **Donald Dean Christensen, 59**

**May 9, 1934 — July 22, 1993**

**HARLAN** — Donald Dean Christensen, son of Edward and Margaret (Hess) Christensen was born May 9, 1934 on a farm in Jackson twp., Shelby county. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, July 22, 1993, at age 59 years, 2 months, and 13 days. He attended country school at Jackson Township #6 and later Harlan Community High School. He then worked on his parents farm, until he entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1952. He served his country for 5 years, 7 months and 20 days as the crew chief of a helicopter gunship and obtained the rank of Corporal before his honorable discharge Sept. 28, 1958.

After he returned from the service he worked in Harlan at the Oat Mill, the Harlan Auto Mart, and August Hansen's Service Station. He then went to work in Denison at the Conoco Service Station until 1984 when he was forced to retire because of his health. He has lived with his mother since that time. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Jacksonville.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Richard. He is survived by his mother, Margaret of Harlan; 2 brothers, Larry of Des Moines; and Roger (Joann) of Harlan; 2 sisters, Jane Morrison of Co. Bluffs; and Nancy Klein (Larry) of Harlan; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 26, 1993 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with Pastor Harrison J. Kline, officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Jacksonville cemetery by the Shelby County V.F.W. Post #941 of Harlan. Casketbearers were Tracy Klein, Brian Rau, Dewey Hess, Kevin Morrison, Clifford Morrison III, and Gary Christensen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.