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H. Jack Christensen, 71 ✓

Sept. 4, 1923 - Feb. 5, 1995

Harlan - H. Jack Christensen, son of Hans Jacob and Jennie (Petersen) Christensen was born Sept. 4, 1923 on a farm near Kimballton. He attended Elk Horn High School, graduating in 1941. He then attended business school in Omaha for one year.

July 4, 1948, he married Sheila Larsen at Kimballton. Three children were born to this union. He spent eleven years farming near Kimballton before going to work for Allen Produce in Kimballton as their manager and outside salesman. He spent five years there before joining the Wayne Feed Company July 16, 1957 in the Corn King District as the assistant salesman under B.J. Norcross in Chariton. In Aug. of 1959, he moved to Fairfield, and trained with Chuck Sessions. Then on Aug. 15, 1960, he moved to Harlan. July 1, 1961, he was assigned to the Harlan District as the District Salesman, and he has remained with this district since then. During this time he also trained three district salesmen and in 1981 received a very distinguished honor, The Pacesetter Award with Wayne Feed. After his retirement from Wayne Feed in 1985, he continued to make his home in Harlan and remained active in his community. His activities included; driving a bus for the Harlan Community Schools and aggressively promoting the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn. In 1991, the Harlan Community High School students honored him as the Grand Marshall of their Homecoming Parade. He has been active in many community organizations serving on the Board of Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, the past president of the Harlan Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Harlan Golf and Country Club, past president of the low rent housing project. He also served as a Deacon and Trustee of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan of which he was a member. He died Feb. 5, 1995 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 71 years, five months and one day.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Lloyd and a sister-in-law, Jean Christensen. He is survived by his wife Sheila Christensen of Harlan; his children, Pam (Randy) Mosher and Jack (Sarah) Christensen, all of Harlan; and Jacquelyn (Roger) Jones of Kirksville, MO; five grandchildren, a sister Viola (John) Woods of Irwin and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 8, 1995 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Burial was held at the Harlan cemetery with Lloyd Nelson, George Hartvigsen, Harvey Leinen, Harold Lansman and Dale E. Sorensen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Tom Larsen, Dennis Christensen, Gary Woods, Toby Mosher, Terry Christensen, Wayne Fischer, Keith Poldberg and Dr. Keith Ewing. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.