

Donald L. Christensen, 69

March 27, 1932 - Nov. 6, 2001

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Donald Lee Christensen was born March 27, 1932, to Edith Kathryn (Rold) and Lehman "Lee" Christensen at Harlan. He attended Harlan Community Schools. For a number of years, he earned extra money by delivering newspapers. After completing his schooling, he worked with his father driving trucks. Donald enlisted during the Korean Conflict and served his country in the Air Force from Dec. 26, 1950 to Oct. 13, 1954. He was stationed in South Korea during part of this time, and was assigned to drive a truck for the 62nd Motor Vehicle Squadron. He was honorably discharged having achieved the rank of Airman Second Class.

Oct. 9, 1954, he married Fran Tofte at Wanatchee, WA. To this union five children were born. Following their wedding, the couple resided in Harlan for a short period of time, later moving to Council Bluffs, where they have remained to this day. He remained a truck driver until the time of his death. Donald died Nov. 6, 2001, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital at age 69 years, seven months and 10 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Darrell. He is survived by his wife, Fran Christensen of Council Bluffs; his children, Richard Christensen (Dee) of Council Bluffs; Karen Christensen of Council Bluffs; Glenda (Steven) Faurot of Omaha, NE and Dee (Kevin) Crouse of McClelland; 15 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers, Jack Christensen (Carol) of Harlan; James Christensen (Carol) of Loveland, CO; sisters, Joanne (Norman) Mathiasen of Harlan and Barbara Hansen of Omaha; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 10, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the Shelby County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Casket bearers were A.J. Faurot, Steven Faurot, Jr., Tony Faurot, Chris Christensen, Travis Bettcher and Jay Christensen.

