

Elwood Christensen, 55

Nov. 22, 1941 - Aug. 22, 1997

HARLAN - Elwood Lynn Christensen, son of Vernon and Leona (Gaer) Christensen, was born Nov. 22, 1941, at Harlan. He attended school at Corley. After his schooling, he worked for the Avoca Creamery for a short time. He also worked for contractors doing electrical work and at the pork plant in Harlan, Dubuque Plant and American Protein Plant in Denison. He received his basic training in the National Guard at Ford Leonardwood, MO in the early 60's. After basic training, he continued to serve at Fort Leonardwood until receiving his discharge and returning to Shelby County.

June 5, 1966, he married Mary White at the Methodist Church in Marne. They were the parents of four children. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Harlan. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Aug. 22, 1997, at age 55 years and nine months.

He was preceded in death by his father and his brother, Gary. Survivors include his children, Teresa Ozbun (Mark) of Kirkman; Elizabeth Winter (Steve) of Tompkinsville, KY; Todd Christensen (Sandi) of Oskaloosa and Rick Christensen of Des Moines; eight grandchildren; his mother, Leona Petersen (Gorden) of Harlan; his brother, Daryl Christensen (Joy) of Sioux Falls, SD, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 24, 1997, at Pauley Funeral Home with Dan Wright of the Church of Christ in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery with Dr. Gary Jorgensen, Tom Gaer, Greg Gaer, Bernard Petersen, Bill Lambert and Eugene Rasmussen casket bearers.

