

Ernest F. Christensen, 81

Sept. 8, 1918 – Aug. 14, 2000

KIMBALLTON – Ernest F. Christensen, son of Martinus (C.M.) and Marie Madsen Christensen, was born Sept. 8, 1918, on his parents' farm south of Kimballton, and died Aug. 14, 2000, at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, at age 81 years, 11 months and six days. He was baptized at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. At age 2 he and his family moved to Tyler, MN. He was confirmed at the Lutheran Church in Tyler. He attended rural school then helped operate the family farm. The family returned to farm in the Audubon area in 1938.

Aug. 18, 1943, he married Elaine Knudsen at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Audubon. They operated the family farm and he also helped other farmers until they retired and moved into Audubon in 1981. Ernest continued to help other farmers and mowed lawns for others. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother and sister, Art and his wife, Lavonne Christensen, and Lydia Jensen; and brothers-in-law, Frank Knudsen and Leonard Knudsen. Survivors include his wife, Elaine Christensen of Audubon; his children and spouses, Roger (Maryanna) Christensen of San Antonio, TX; Beverly (Chuck) Stupca of Rochester, MN and Craig (Kris) Christensen of Humboldt; his grandchildren, Matt and Marissa Stupca of Rochester, MN and Zac, Garrett and Mackenzie Christensen, all of Humboldt; his brother and sister-in-law, Alfred (Oda) Christensen of Kimballton; his brother-in-law, John Jensen of Estherville; his sisters-in-law, Ilmae (Ed) Ahrendsen of Audubon; Marjorie Knudsen of Des Moines; Deloris Knudsen and Marge Knudsen, both of Audubon; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen Aug. 17, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Burial was in the Arlington Heights Cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casket bearers were Russell Shupe, Richard Carter, William P. Roth and Varelid (Swede) Englin. Casket bearers were Roger Christensen, Craig Christensen, Chuck Stupca, Matt Stupca, Zac Christensen, Garrett Christensen, Marissa Stupca and Mackenzie Christensen. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.