

James F. Christensen, 48

Feb. 4, 1951 – Jan. 12, 2000

SPENCER – James F. Christensen, son of Ruben and Leona Gunsolley Christensen, was born Feb. 4, 1951, on a farm near Dunlap. As a young child, his family moved to Harlan, and it was in this community he received his education and graduated from high school in 1969. Following high school, he worked at Variety Distributors in Harlan for six years and then Western Electric for two years in Underwood.

Dec. 19, 1977, he married Jean Hough in Omaha, NE. Following their marriage, they ran a Youth Recreation Center in Harlan and then in Atlantic for four years. He then worked for Meader Book Distributing and Glacier Vanderville, both in Atlantic. He then started working for AFLAC as an associate for three years and was promoted to district manager for four years until being promoted to regional manager, the position he has held until having to retire due to his health. He died Jan. 12, 2000 at his home in Spencer, at age 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of Spencer; two daughters and their families, Cindy (Jeffery) Krejci and their children, Christian and Kelsey; Amy (Aaron) Hefner and their children, Anna and Abigail, all of Spencer; his mother, Leona Christensen of Harlan; two sisters, Sherri Hanshaw of Algona; and Darla Anliker (Mike) of Harlan; several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 15, 2000, at the Christ The King Lutheran Church, Spencer, with Pastor David Schoenknecht officiating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, Spencer. Honorary casket bearers were Aaron Hefner, Jeff Krejci, Anna Hefner, Christian Krejci, Abigail Hefner and Kelsey Krejci. Casket bearers were Barry Campbell, Vance Frommie, Terry Schuveiller, Fred Fondroy, Ron Hovick and Shane Stanley. Warner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.