

## Marion "Chris" Christensen, 80

*Sept. 29, 1922 - Jan. 17, 2003*

**ALTOONA** – Marion M. "Chris" Christensen, son of Marinus and Alice McConnell Christensen, was born Sept. 29, 1922, in Cottonwood County, MN. He moved with his family to Shelby County, in 1930 where he grew to adulthood. He graduated from the Harlan High School with the class of 1942. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marines and served his country in World War II. After receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to the Harlan area and had various jobs in Harlan and Avoca.



He married Darlene Conklin Hansen and to this union two children were born. They moved to the Des Moines area where he worked as a traffic and office manager with Des Moines Steel and First Midwest Bagging. After his retirement, they moved to Texas for several years, returning to Altoona in the fall of 2000. He was a member of the American Legion and Veteran of Foreign Wars. He died Jan. 17, 2003, at his home of a respiratory illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ernest and John Scott; and one sister, Edith Olson. He is survived by his wife, Darlene; three sons, Tom Hansen (Susan) of Spokane, WA; Tim Hansen (Gaye) of Del Rio, TX; Teddy Christensen (Donna) of Granger; and one daughter, Maureen (Joe) Vignovich of Mitchellville; his sister, Gertrude (Everett) Christensen of Marshalltown; 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 2003, at the Altoona Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor John Schonkaes officiating. Burial was in the Altoona Cemetery, with full military rites. Honorary casket bearers were Mark Hansen and Tommy Hansen. Casket bearers were Cameron Christensen, Joey Vignovich, Frank Derby, Zachry Christensen, Terry Derby and Andy McReynolds.