

Nels M. Christensen, 83

Feb. 3, 1914 - Nov. 8, 1997

EXIRA - Nels M. Christensen was born Feb. 3, 1914, to Jim and Olga Jensen Christensen in Exira. He died Nov. 8, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home at age 83. He attended school in Exira.

In 1947, he married Jo Ellen Bengard. He married Bernice Phippen in 1968. He lived in the Exira area most of his life. He was a truck driver, a heavy equipment operator for Audubon County and after retiring helped farmers.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jo Ellen; wife, Bernice; son, Tim J. Christensen; brothers and sisters, Herman, Henry, Martin, Norabelle, Martha and Richard and an infant grandson. He is survived by his daughters, Jerene Andersen of Conroe, TX and Sue Heyne of Walnut; stepdaughters, Robert Bailey and Virginia Blaine both of Des Moines; grandchildren, Brad, Jeremy, Angie, Clark and Cassandra; great grandchild, Chance Avery; one sister, Annabelle Michaelsen of Yale, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 12, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Retirement Home Hansen Chapel with Rev. Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Exira Cemetery. Casket bearers were Eddie Jensen, Brad Andersen, Bruce Heyne and Paul Andersen. Steen Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.
