

LaVern Christiansen, 85

May 14, 1919 - March 4, 2005

CARROLL — LaVern J. Christiansen was born May 14, 1919, in Omaha, NE, son of Louis and Agnes (Brogan) Christiansen. He attended Deloit Schools and graduated from Deloit High School. After school, he entered the service serving during World War II. After his discharge, he operated a grocery store in Earling, and later managed the Earling Telephone Company.

Feb. 6, 1946, LaVern married Marian Greteman at St. Joseph's Church in Earling. Marian died May 14, 1983.

Dec. 27, 1986, he married Ann Goblirsch at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. After their marriage, they lived in Carroll. He was a member of St. Lawrence Parish, a member of the Luke E. Hart Knights of Columbus of Defiance and also a 4th Degree. He was a member of the VFW of Harlan and the Earling Legion Post 615, and also the Moose Lodge of Carroll. He died March 4, 2005, at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll after a lengthy illness at age 85.

LaVern was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Marian; brother, Orville Christiansen; and a sister, Lavonne Stoelk. He is survived by his wife, Ann of Carroll; four children, Mary Ann Wilhelmi (Bill) of Westminster, CO; Bill Christiansen of Montgomery, TX; Bob Christiansen (Deb) of Temecula, CA; and Kathleen DePedro (Joe) of Conroe, TX; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two stepchildren, Mary Schoeppner (Tom) of Templeton and Joe Goblirsch (Pat) of Jesup; five step grandchildren; one step great-grandchild; brothers and sisters, Rita Wiebers (Andy) of Denison; Sylvia Pearson of Denison; Betty Eggers (Don) of Denison; and Tom Christiansen (Alice) of Denison; brother-in-law, Wes Stoelk of Westside; sister-in-law, Madonna Christiansen of Lake View; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 7, 2005, at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Luke E. Hart 4th Degree Knights of Columbus formed an honor guard at the funeral home and at the Mass. Burial was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling. Military services were conducted at the Mass and the cemetery by the Earling Legion Post 615 and the VFW of Harlan. Casket bearers were his grandchildren. Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, in charge of arrangements.