

## Victor Hoogensen, 94

May 21, 1915 - Oct. 12, 2009

**HARLAN** — Victor Leo Hoogensen was born on May 21, 1915, in Jackson Township in Shelby County, to Hans and Sena (Behrens) Hoogensen. He attended Jackson No. 9 Country School and graduated early because he and his classmates took and passed the 8th grade tests at the end of their 7th grade year. After completing school, Victor began working on the family farm as well as other neighboring farms. In the lean years, he and some of his friends headed north to try to find work there.

August 20, 1941, Victor was united in marriage to Dorothy Ann Greve at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Four children were born to this union: Kenneth, Robert, Vicki, and Linda. After their wedding, Victor and Dorothy made their home on a farm in Jackson Township. They lived on three different farms in the area before moving into Harlan in 1980. Victor continued to farm until he turned 62 when he retired and went to work for the Shelby County Soil Conservation Service where he did the no-till planting. Victor and Dorothy were members of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. They were proud of the fact that they belonged to the church longer than any other couple because they were both baptized and confirmed there. Victor was active in the church, serving in many capacities including treasurer and deacon. He also served on many local boards including the Harlan Community School Board for ten and half years. Victor and Dorothy enjoyed traveling together and spent fifteen winters in their mobile home in Apache Junction, AZ. During their many travels, they visited every state except Alaska. Victor enjoyed camping, playing and watching sports, playing many kinds of cards, and farming. He continued his harvesting skills even after he became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community, leaning over the fence to harvest his tomatoes! Victor died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, October 12, 2009, at Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, having attained the age of ninety-four years, four months, and twenty-one days.

Victor is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife of sixty-seven years, Dorothy; his brothers-in-law Elliott and Everett Greve and Kenneth Christoffersen; and his sisters-in-law Arlene Hoogensen and Mabel and Ginnie Greve. He is survived by his children: Ken Hoogensen and his wife Patsy (Mayr) of West Des Moines; Bob Hoogensen and his wife Judy (Swisher); Vicki and her husband Manny Salazar all of Harlan; and Linda Hoogensen Graff of West Des Moines; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren: Jeff and Susan Hoogensen of Marshalltown; Jon and Angie, Jacob, Finn, and Laurel Hoogensen; Julie and Ted, Grace, Olivia, and Andrew Peelen all of West Des Moines; Jennifer and Gregg and Garrett Tiehen of Harrisburg, SD; and Steve and Kara, Kate and Mallory Hoogensen of Ankeny; his brother Gil Hoogensen; his brother and sisters-in-law Harvey and Doris Greve of Walnut; Elaine Christoffersen of Kimballton; and Elaine Hoffmann of Avoca; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.



Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating the 10:30 AM service. Interment was held at the Jacksonville Cemetery with Ted Peelen, Jacob Hoogensen, Gregg Tiehen, Jon Hoogensen, Steve Hoogensen, and Jeff Hoogensen serving as casket bearers.

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