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Oga Madsen, 87

May 4, 1907 - April 9, 1995

Harlan - Oga Madsen was born in Borglum, Denmark May 4, 1907, son of Alfred Madsen and Mathea Andersen Madsen. He died April 9, 1995 at Harlan. He immigrated to the United States in 1928, working on farms in the Shelby-Persia area. He returned to Denmark to marry Ella Thomsen of Vrensted March 4, 1931; and the couple sailed for the United States, arriving in New York Easter Sunday, April 5, 1931. He was engaged in farming and cattle feeding in this area until he retired in 1972. They observed their 64th wedding anniversary on March 4th of this year.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers; Moller, Ejvind, Arne, who died at age 14, and a second Arne, a half-brother, Ejnar Sorensen and three sisters; Inger, Ella and an infant. He is survived by his wife, Ella Thomsen Madsen, by four daughters; Mitzi (Jim) Fox, Margit Paulsen, Mary Jane Kaplan and Karen Helene Madsen, and by eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In Denmark, he is survived by two brothers and three sisters; Harry, Evald, Nina, Signe and Esther.

Funeral services were held April 11, 1995 at the United Lutheran Church, Shelby with Pastor Stan Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: Paul Fox, Lisa Putnam, Ann Fox and Andrea Olson. Casket bearers were: Steven Fox, Joel Paulsen, Larry Fox, Robert Fox, David Putnam and Allan Olson. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.