

## LeRoy Mortensen, 82

*Dec. 25, 1919 - Oct. 11, 2002*

**AUDUBON** – LeRoy H. Mortensen, son of Philip and Anna Margaretha Frees Mortensen, was born Dec. 25, 1919, on a farm west of Irwin. In the spring of 1920, he moved with his parents and older brothers, Elmer and Earl, to the farm northwest of Audubon. LeRoy was baptized and confirmed as a youth at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. He attended rural school Douglas #3 then helped operate the family farm.

May 31, 1941, he married Virginia Dent at a church parsonage in Kansas City, MO. Three children were born to this union, Robert, Carol and Richard. They operated the family farm northwest of Audubon, later purchasing the farm. They retired from farming in 1997. LeRoy moved to the Friendship Home in May of 2001. He died Oct. 11, 2002, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 82 years, nine months and 16 days.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Tanya, and her husband, Steve Irmeier; his parents; his mother-in-law and father-in-law; his grandparents; his brother, Elmer, and his wife, Lorene Mortensen, and his sister-in-law, Norma, and her husband, Sam Lambert. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Virginia; his children and their spouses, Robert (Janet) Mortensen of Oakland; Carol (Dexter) Anderson of Austin, TX; and Richard (Nadine) Mortensen of Audubon; his grandchildren, Michelle Mortensen of Harlan; Cindy Anderson and fiancé, Randy Gordon of Pequot Lakes, MN; Jennifer (John) Hall of Elkhorn, NE; Eric Mortensen of New York City, NY; David Anderson of San Jose, CA; and Daniel Mortensen and fiancée, Keri Dobson of Cambridge; his great grandsons, Andrew Mitchell of Pequot Lakes, MN and Dylan Hall of Elkhorn, NE; brother, Earl (Mildred) Mortensen of Storm Lake; his sister-in-law, Joyce (Phil) Daringer of rural Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Roy North, Pastor of Redline Church of Christ, Oct. 15, 2002, at the Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery at Audubon. Honorary casket bearers were Michelle Mortensen, Cindy Anderson and fiancé, Randy Gordon, Jennifer and John Hall, Eric Mortensen and Daniel Mortensen and his fiancée, Keri Dobson. Casket bearers were Douglas Daringer, Myron Daringer, Craig Daringer, Phil Daringer, David Anderson and William Lambert. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.