

Chris N. Nelsen, 95

HARLAN — Chris Nymark Nelsen, the son of Peter and Kristina (Christensen) Nielsen, was born Jan. 28, 1892, in Sendal, Denmark. He died April 26, 1987 at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan at age 95 years, two months and 29 days. He was baptized in the Lutheran church, and attended school in Denmark.

In 1911, he came to the U.S. settling near Red Line, where he worked on a farm. He attended Barber College in Omaha. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on Dec. 19, 1917, and served his country overseas in the African European Front during W.W. I. After his honorable discharge from the Army on March 24, 1919, he lived in Denmark for two years before returning to the Harlan area.

On Aug. 9, 1923, he married Elise Brondt at the home of her uncle in Irwin. Three sons were born to this union. After they were married, he farmed near Irwin. In 1941, they moved into Harlan, but he continued to farm and operate a dairy until 1964. After the death of his wife on Nov. 21, 1974, he continued to live in Harlan and became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in March of 1987. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150, both of Harlan.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Russell in 1967; two grandsons; Curtis and Jeffrey Nelsen; a step son, Richard Paulsen; four sisters, Anna, Olga, Herdis and Esther and a brother, Peter. He is survived by two sons, Newmark of Mercer Island, WA. and Victor of Omaha; his step-mother, Petrea Paulsen of Harlan; four brothers, Viggo Nielsen of Kimballton; Fred Nielsen of Applegate, OR.; Harvey Nelsen of Harlan; and Emmanuel Nielsen of Denmark; one sister, Tomene Neilsen of Denmark; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three-step sisters, Gerda (Mrs Arnold) Christensen of Harlan; Lillian Paulsen of Harlan; and Norma (Mrs Arion) Christensen of CA., one half sister, Glenda Hansen of Omaha; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were April 29, 1987 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Olsen and Pastor Otto Zwanziger of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Kirk Nelsen, Bruce Nelsen, Russell Nelsen, Brad Nelsen, James Nelsen, Darrell Nelsen and Charles Nelsen serving as casketbearers. Tom Nelsen, Mark Nelsen and Craig Nelsen served as honorary casketbearers.