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## H.C. "Chris" Nielsen, 93

**HARLAN** - Hans Christian "Chris" Nielsen, the son of Niels and Christine (Vilrick) Nielsen was born on Feb. 15, 1896, near Prairie Rose in Shelby Co. He died on Aug. 5, 1989 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 83 years, five months and 21 days. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville and attended Jackson #9 school. On July 26, 1918, he entered the U.S. Army serving his country during WW I. After his honorable discharge on March 22, 1919, he returned to the Harlan area to farm with his parents.

Jan. 7, 1920, he married Eleanora Lorentzsen at her parents home in Jacksonville. After their marriage, they farmed until 1944 when they moved into Harlan where he was employed in the feed business for six years. He then worked at various jobs in the area including driving a school bus in the 1950's. In 1965, he retired, and they continued to reside in Harlan until May of 1986, when they moved to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. After the death of Eleanora in June of 1986, he continued to live at the Elk Horn Home until the time of his death. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan; was a charter member of the Helmer Reyelt Post #150, Harlan American Legion, and was a member of WWI Veterans, Barracks #1508 of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Eleanora. Surviving him are several cousins. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1989 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Otto A. Zwanziger officiating. Military Rites were conducted at the Jacksonville cemetery by the Helmer Reyelt Post #150, Harlan American Legion. Serving as casketbearers were Clifford Hanson, Lowell Andersen, Galan Johannsen, Darryl Johannsen, Fred M. Jacobsen, and Stanley Johannsen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.