

## **Viggo Nielsen, 95**

*Jan. 23, 1905 – Dec. 25, 2000*

**KIMBALLTON** – Viggo, son of Christen Peter and Mame Christine Christensen Nielsen, was born Jan. 23, 1905, at Flauenskjold, Denmark. He attended school there until he was nine years old and then went to work. In 1925, he emigrated to the United States, settled in Irwin, and worked with his brother, Chris. Shortly thereafter he began farming on his own, first near Kirkman and then near Kimballton. Sept. 14, 1942, he was drafted into the United States Army and served as a cook on the homefront before being honorably discharged April 24, 1943.

Dec. 16, 1948, he married Herdis Johanna Frandsen at Denison. Viggo and Herdis farmed near Kimballton for several years before retiring in 1974. In the spring of 1976 they moved into Kimballton. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton and the American Legion #322 in Elk Horn. Dec. 25, 2000, he died in his sleep at his home in Kimballton, at age 95 years.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his five sisters, Anna Mortensen, Olga Pedersen, Mine Nielsen, Herdis Mikaelson and Esther Andersen; three brothers, Emanuel Nielsen, Chris Nelsen and Fred Nielsen; and a stepbrother, Richard Paulsen. He is survived by his wife, Herdis Nielsen of Kimballton; a brother, Harvey Nelsen (Pearl) of Harlan; a half-sister, Glenda (Franklin) Hanson of Omaha, NE; three stepsisters, Gerda Christensen of Harlan; Norma (Arion) Christensen of Oregon and Lillian Paulsen of Harlan; a sister-in-law, Lenora Nielsen of Oregon; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, with Rev. Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion Post #322, Elk Horn. Casket bearers were Don Madsen, Ansgar Jensen, Tom Wall, Carl Nielsen, Don Haas and Ivan Andersen. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.