

Willie Sorensen, 75

JACKSONVILLE - Willie Roundholdt Sorensen, son of Lars and Alma (Petersen) Sorensen was born Jan. 19, 1914, on a farm near Jacksonville in Shelby Co. He died on Dec. 31, 1989 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 75 years, 11 months and 12 days. He lived on a farm near Jacksonville most of his childhood. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville and attended Center Twp. Country School. He was a farm laborer for his dad and neighbors. Feb. 4, 1942, he married Dexter Elen Evans at Spencer. Two children were born to this union.

During the 1930's and 1940's, he dug wells and was self-employed as a farmer and livestock buyer. They owned and operated farms in Audubon and Shelby Co. In Feb. of 1954, they moved into Harlan. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville.

In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by an infant brother and a younger brother, Kenneth. He is survived by his wife, Dexter of Harlan; a son, Dale Sorensen and a granddaughter of West Des Moines; a daughter, Donna (Barry) Deuel of Harlan; two sisters, Marie Hansen of Harlan and Ethel Christensen of Brayton; his sister-in-law, Gladys Sorensen of Estherville and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Oliver S. Solberg of Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville and Rev. D. Stephen Clinton of First United Methodist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Stan Knudsen, Verner Hansen, Roger Sorensen, Randy Lee Evans, Larry D. Sorensen and Byron D. Clemson as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan in charge of arrangements.