

## Chris Sorensen, 86

*July 9, 1916 - May 23, 2003*

**HARLAN** – Chris Krosgard Sorensen was born to George and Anna (Willesen) Sorensen of Jackson Township in Shelby County, July 9, 1916. Chris attended Jackson No. 9 School through the eighth grade. It was known as the Copenhagen School because of all the Danish students.

Chris married Inez Ostebee of Kirkman, Jan. 1, 1939. To this union two daughters were born. Chris accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at age 38 and was baptized at a little country church in Botna, which later became Calvary Baptist Church of Manning. He later joined Grace Baptist Church in Harlan, after moving to Harlan upon retiring from farming at age 62. Their farm was located seven miles northeast of Irwin. He was an active church member at both of the churches where he was a member while he was in good health. He served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and often played his guitar and sang. He began playing his guitar at an early age, and also played for various community events. In August of 1997, he suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed. From that time on, his abilities were limited, and he was no longer able to play his guitar. With the assistance of his wife, he was able to remain at home most of the time since his stroke, with a few weeks now and then at the hospital or nursing home. He died May 23, 2003, at his home in Harlan, at age 86 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister. Survivors include his wife, Inez, of 64 years; his daughters, Luanne (Larry) Hutchinson of Branson, MO, and Helen (Jim) Warren of Harlan; eight grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; his sisters, Vivian Keating of Hudson, FL; Jeanette (Dallas) Havick of Harlan; and Arleen (Ronald) Larson of Palm Harbor, FL; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 27, 2003, at the Grace Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. David Hutchinson, Rev. Jim Warren, Rev. Gundar Lamberts, Rev. Louis Miller and Jake Mathwig officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Herb Nelson, Clifford Hanson, Don Norgaard, Dr. Charles Early, Kenny Wright and Charles Wooster honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Dennis Larson, Larry Christensen, Jason Dinesen, Steve Christensen, Michael Blansit, Chris Hutchinson, Jonathon Lemkin and Merlene Ostebee. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

