

## **John Sorensen, 69**

*July 12, 1933 - Feb. 2, 2003*

**HARLAN** – John Christian Sorensen, son of Marius and Jenny (Hejlesen) Sorensen, was born July 12, 1933, at Newaygo, MI. At age two years, John and his two older sisters moved with their parents to Denmark from where his parents had originally moved. In 1946, when John was 13 years of age, he moved back to the United States with his family and settled near Avoca, where he attended country school and later worked various jobs. In 1952, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served during the Korean War. When his enlistment was up in 1955, he joined the Army Active Reserves where he served for several years.

Sept. 12, 1956, John married Karen Putnam of Oakland. To this union two children, Kathy and Jeff, were born. John was an active member of the Hancock United Methodist Church and the American Legion Post 720 in Hancock. He died Feb. 2, 2003 at Harlan, at age 69 years, six months and 21 days.

John is preceded in death by his parents; two infant grandchildren; his brother, Chris; and a nephew. He is survived by his wife, Karen Sorensen; his daughter, Kathy Comer (Clay) of Ventura, CA, and his son, Jeff Sorensen (Rhonda) of Loveland, CO; his granddaughters, Katie Tye of Ventura, CA and Cris and Jordan Sorensen of Loveland, CO; his four step grandsons, Clay Comer of Texas; David Comer of Denver, CO; and Rob and Chris Comer of Ventura, CA; his sisters, Hanne Green (Harold) of Avoca and Marian Landon of Ogden, UT; and his brothers, Paul Sorensen (Carolyn) of Independence, MO; and Soren Sorensen (Donna) of Omaha, NE; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6, 2003, at the Hancock United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery in Hancock. Vieth Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.