

Nels Jorgensen

Nels Hansen Jorgensen, son of Jess and Anna Moldt Jorgensen, was born on a farm southeast of Harlan, on April 28, 1888. He died at his home in Harlan, on Jan. 21, 1977 at age 88 years, 8 months and 23 days. Nels attended country school, and was baptized in the American Baptist church. He grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. On Sept. 1, 1921, he married Otilia Margaret Sondergaard. One daughter, Ila, was born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Jorgensen farmed in Shelby county until 1957 when they retired and moved to their home at 1207 - 6th St. After Mrs Jorgensen's death in 1965, Nels continued to live at 1207 - 6th St., where he made his home with his daughter, Ila. Mr Jorgensen had been a life time member of the Baptist church and was a charter member of the First Baptist church of Harlan. He also served his church as a member of the building committee.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his six brothers - Hans, Christian, Peter, Jesse, Carl and George Jorgensen; and by two sisters - Ella and Mary. He is survived by his daughter, Ila, of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Monday, Jan. 24, 1977, with Pastor C. Donald Thrash, pastor of the First Baptist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Leo Head, Chet Haase, Lyle Walker, Earl Waddell, Norris Whitson and Nels C. Jacobsen serving as casketbearers.