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Harlan Ia., Tribune € April 7, 1998 • ~~6B~~**Chris G. Bladt, 78****March 23, 1919 - Feb. 28, 1998 ✓**

ATLANTIC - Chris G. Bladt, son of Rasmus Andersen and Hannah Toft Bladt, was born March 23, 1919, in Audubon, and died Feb. 28, 1998, at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 78 years, 11 months and five days. He was baptized at the Exira Lutheran Church and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church March 18, 1962. He attended Audubon County Schools then helped other farmers.

March 2, 1940, he married LaVonne Jorgensen. He helped other farmers then farmed on his own in Audubon and Shelby Counties. He purchased a farm in Oakfield Township which he operated until he retired. LaVonne died Aug. 31, 1983. He has continued to operate the farm. He was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife were their infant sons, Dale Eugene Bladt and Darwin Lee Bladt; his son, Ronald Bladt; his parents; his brothers, Edmund Bladt, Melvin and his wife, Ruby, Bladt and Arnold Bladt. Survivors include his daughter, Zelda Marxen of Atlantic; his stepson, Terry (Barbara) Jorgensen of Ida Grove; his daughter-in-law, Diane Bladt of Audubon; his grandchildren, Tami Shellberg of Oakland; Paulette (Terry) McHugh of Grimes; Larry Marxen of Walnut; Randy (Cindy) Jorgensen of Merville; Marcy Spencer of Co. Bluffs; Jason Steen of Atlantic; Nathan Bladt of Audubon; two step grandchildren, Jeff (Jennifer) Albert of Kimballton and Cory Albert of Hamlin; his great grandchildren, Matthew and Melissa McHugh of Grimes; Jackie and Jacob Shellberg of Oakland; Branson Jorgensen of Merville; Kolby and Kyla Spencer of Co. Bluffs; and Paige Steen of Omaha; his step great grandchildren, Danielle and Jeremy Albert of Kimballton and Ashley Albert of Omaha; his sister, Helen Sorensen of Elk Horn; his sisters-in-law, Frankie Bladt of Elk Horn and Opal (Lyle) Faaborg of Atlantic; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Williams and Pastor Jean Morse March 4, 1998, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were John Jacobsen, Mark Jacobsen, Maynard Nielsen, Jim Pedersen, Tom Potts, Douglas Smith and Clark Steen. Casket bearers were Howard Andersen, Dan Hartvigsen, Kevin Hartvigsen, Leon Hoegh, Kevin Johnson and Darrell Mardesen. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.