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Victor Christensen, 82 *82*

May 9, 1911 - Jan. 30, 1994

Harlan - Victor Leland Christensen, son of Julius and Mary (Sorensen) Christensen was born May 9, 1911 on a farm at Cuppy's Grove, Shelby County. He attended country school in Shelby County, and after he moved with his family to Harlan graduated from Harlan High School in 1928. In 1929, he became employed at the Harlan National Bank where he also served on the Board of Directors. In 1936 he also became employed at the

Federal Land Bank office in Harlan.

April 3, 1937, he married Lila Ventis at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan where he worked his way to the top office of manager at the Federal Land Bank. He still held this position when he retired in 1976 after 40 years of service there and 50 years of service at the Harlan National Bank. He was a former member of the Masons, Parian Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan, the Iowa Green's Keeper's Association and the Harlan School Board before the district reorganized. He served as the head of the Shelby County U.S. Savings Bond Drive during WW II. He was a loyal member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan, where he had served as a treasurer and member of the Bishop's Committee. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan Oct. 3, 1985, and this was his home at the time of his death on Jan. 30, 1994 at age 82 years, eight months and 21 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Norma Willadsen and Lenore Warrander and a brother, Leroy Christensen. He is survived by his wife, Lila Christensen of Harlan; his children - Jim Christensen (Karen) of Lee's Summit, MO and Mary Anderson of Seattle, WA; four grandchildren, one great grandchild; two sisters - Helen Christensen of Harlan and Mildred Moore of Dickinson, ND; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 1994 at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Harlan with Fr. Glenn Rankin officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Don Willadsen honorary casket bearer. Casket bearers were Dick O'Bryan, James Christensen, Willard Olson, Ken Willadsen, Norman D. Nelsen, Al Christensen, Dave Willadsen and Kirk Christensen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.