

Lamont Christensen, 79

April 15, 1930 - Sept. 8, 2009

ELK HORN — Lamont Leo, son of Gaylor and Olivia (Molgaard) Christensen, was born April 15, 1930 at home on the farm east of Kimballton. Lamont attended country school through the eighth grade and completed his schooling in Audubon, graduating with the Class of 1949. He attended college in Ames before serving in the United States Army from 1951 until 1953. Lamont received his basic training at Indiantown Gap, PA, and served his tour of duty as a member of the 5th Infantry Division with NATO at Trieste, Italy.

Lamont was united in marriage with Lois Jean Jensen on October 25, 1953 at Bethany Lutheran Church near Kimballton. Four children were born to this union. They lived and farmed 1 1/2 miles northeast of Kimballton, while also working as a tender to mason Carl Bon-

neson. Lamont and Lois retired from farming in 1963 and Lamont then sold mutual funds until September of 1964 when he became the vice president-manager of the Shelby County State Bank office at Elk Horn. Lamont retired in April of 1992. Lamont enjoyed his family, gardening, dancing and volunteering. He was past president and secretary of the Better Elk Horn Club, past president for the Lutheran Church during its centennial year, past secretary on the church board, served as a Sunday School teacher, one of the founding directors serving as treasurer of the Wallace Foundation for Rural Research and Development located in Southwest Iowa, and with his wife reigned as King and Queen of Tivoli Fest in 1995. He was a member of the American Legion. Lamont loved the Elk Horn/Kimballton area and he worked tirelessly as a fund-raiser for the community, serving as a coordinator on the windmill restoration, among many other projects. Lamont died Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at Creighton University in Omaha, NE at the age of 79 years, 4 months, and 24 days.

Preceding Lamont in death are his parents; brother Burdette Christensen; brothers-in-law: Lee Jensen, Wayne Hollingsworth and Merle Jensen; and sister-in-law Amy Christensen. He is survived by his wife Lois Christensen of Elk Horn; daughters June and husband Ray Wilden of Clinton, and Julie Martin of Guilford, MO; sons Brent Christensen and wife Joni of Corning, and Larance Christensen and wife Jena of Cresco; ten grandchildren; two sisters: Beulah Jensen of Omaha, NE and Doris Hollingsworth of Omaha, NE; three brothers: Ivan Christensen of Elk Horn, Lyle Christensen and wife Marlene of Audubon, and Dale Christensen and wife Shirley of Marne; four sisters-in-law: Shirley and husband Garry Works of Chandler, AZ, Joan Jensen of Oskaloosa, Linda and husband Lyle Andersen of Marne; Betty and husband Darwin Larsen of Harlan; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Friday, September 11, 2009 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 11:00 AM at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Rev. Keith Andrew Menter officiating. Casket Bearers were Jeffrey Martin, Lucas Christensen, Keaton



Christensen, Landon Christensen, Lance Wilden, and Harold Plagman. Honorary Casket Bearers were Nichole Christensen, Jessica Marten, Brooke Christensen, Hailee Christensen, and Larissa Wilden. Interment with Military Honors was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery with the American Legion Post 322, Elk Horn, conducting the rites.

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