

Louis Christensen, 92

Sept. 10, 1912 - Jan. 6, 2005

HARLAN — Louis Andrew Christensen, son of Christian N. and Anna (Hansen) Christensen, was born in Harlan, Sept. 10, 1912, and was baptized at the Harlan Lutheran Church. His parents immigrated to Harlan from Denmark. His father was a harness maker on the east side of the square. Louis attended school in Harlan and graduated with the Harlan High School class of 1930.



Louis married Irene Sorensen May 30, 1933, in Omaha, NE. They were the parents of four children, Edward, Kenneth, Conrad and Stephen. In March of 1944, he was called to serve in the United States Army. He served his country overseas during World War II until September of 1945 when he received his honorable discharge. In 1950, Louis and Irene built a new house and have made that their home since. Louis was the owner and operator of the Shopper's Guide and also did job printing. At one time, he participated in golf and joined a bowling league. He retired from the printing business in 1984. He has been a member of the United Methodist Church in Harlan for over 60 years. He died Jan. 6, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 92 years, three months and 26 days.

In addition to his parents, Louis is preceded in death by an infant son, Conrad; three sisters, Helena, Anna Morris and Margaret; and one brother, Hans. Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Irene Christensen; his children, Edward Christensen of San Angelo, TX; Kenneth Christensen of Anaheim, CA; and Stephen Christensen (Evelyn) of Evanston, IL; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Elsea Noon of Elk Horn and Martha Slevers of St. Louis, MO; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Frank officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Casket bearers were Jon Noon, Andrew Christensen, John Morris, Paul Blair, Carl Christensen and Gary Christiansen.