

Frederick Ivan Jacobsen, 80

Oct. 17, 1920 - May 26, 2001

HARLAN — Frederick (Fred) Jacobsen, the only child of Peter and Clara Petersen Jacobsen, was born on a farm in Jackson Township, Shelby County Oct. 17, 1920. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, and attended Center Township Country School. He then worked with his father on the farm.

Feb. 1, 1957, he married Marvel Thomsen in Harlan. After their marriage, they made their home on the family farm in Center Township, near Prairie Rose Lake. Three children were born to this union. The church was an active part of the Jacobsen family. They have been longtime members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Fred retired in 1982, but continued to help his son, Kirk, on the farm. In 1994, they moved to Harlan. Fred died May 26, 2001, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 80 years, seven months and nine days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Marvel of Harlan; his son, Ricky of Omaha; his son, Kirk (Pam) of Harlan; and his daughter, Marcia (Paul) Currie of Atlanta, GA; two grandchildren; two step grandchildren, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 29, 2001, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson and Pastor Heather Becklin officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery with Budd Wigg, Raymond Thomsen, John Haas, Don Kloewer, Glen F. Petersen, Dale Jensen, Wayne Hansen, Robert Petersen, Verner Hansen, Harold Andersen, Roger Thomsen and George Mathiasen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jeff Petersen, Doug Jensen, Jim Petersen, Darren Thomsen, Dennis Thomsen and David Thomsen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

