

Chris Peter (Pete) Jensen, 88

Oct. 26, 1909 - Nov. 28, 1997

KIMBALLTON - Chris Peter Jensen, son of Niels M. and Dagmar S. Christensen Jensen, was born Oct. 26, 1909, in Denmark, and died Nov. 28, 1997, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 88 years, one month and two days. He was baptized in the Lutheran faith and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. He attended rural school in Gates, then helped operate the family farm and helped other farmers near Atlantic, and later near Hudson. He returned to the Atlantic area where he met Elena Christoffersen.

Jan. 5, 1939, he married Elena N. Christoffersen at Bethany Lutheran Church near Kimballton. They farmed the family farm from 1939 to 1959. From 1959 to 1966, Pete was employed by Christoffersen and Christensen Plumbing and Heating. In 1966, he worked for Johnson Brothers Implement and Kimballton Farm Equipment as a mechanic. In 1971, they moved from the home place in Kimballton. Pete retired in 1981. During his retirement he restored antique machinery and did wood crafts, especially in miniature corn picking wagons and miniature harnesses for horses. Elena died Sept. 17, 1991. Pete maintained his home until he moved to the Baptist Memorial Home Aug. 4, 1993. He was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church where he served on the church board and the cemetery board. He also served on the Kimballton Corn Picking Committee.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife were his parents; his aunt, Elsie Johanna Jensen, who helped raise him after his mother's death; his brothers, Tony (Nettie) Jensen; Sophus Jensen; his sister, Lillie Nelson; his sister-in-law, Christena Sammons; his brothers-in-law, Carl Christoffersen and Hugo Cordes. Survivors include his children, Jerry (Leanna) Jensen of Kimballton; LaVerne (Jan) Jensen of Fair Grove, MO; Diane (Wesley) Furne of Denison; his grandchildren, Ronda (Steve) Baugher of Cheney, WA; Corey Jensen of Saylorville; Aaron Jensen of Kimballton; Craig (Julie) Jensen of Adel; Gary (Lana) Jensen of Audubon; Brian Jensen and Brandi Klocke both of Des Moines; Christy Furne of Cedar Falls; Keith Furne of Denison; Jeff (Jen) Anderson; Loni Anderson and Scott Olsen all of Audubon; his great grandchildren, Jennifer and Spencer Baugher of Cheney, WA; Travis Madsen; Turner and Tate Jensen all of Adel; Nick Jensen; Kelsy Jensen; Nathan Jensen; Ashley Boken; Jacob Anderson; Jordan Anderson all of Audubon; his sister, Helga Cordes of Harlan; his brother-in-law, Thomas Nelson of Harlan; his sister-in-law, Gladys Jensen of Exira; his special friends, Gertrude Jacobsen of Harlan; Carrie Petersen of Audubon and Eileen Jensen of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jean Morse Dec. 1, 1997, at Bethany Lutheran Church near Kimballton. Burial was in Bethany Lutheran Cemetery near Kimballton. Honorary casket bearers were Ronda Baugher and Christy Furne. Casket bearers were Craig Jensen, Gary Jensen, Brian Jensen, Corey Jensen, Aaron Jensen and Keith Furne. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.