

## Clinton Jensen, 84 ✓

*Oct. 22, 1916 – June 3, 2001*

**ELK HORN** – Clinton Jens Jensen, son of Jens Pete and Matilda Nissen Jensen, was born Oct. 22, 1916, in Hamlin. Following his schooling in Hamlin and Clay Township #5, Clinton worked for neighboring farmers.

Oct. 8, 1939, he married Lyria Christina Clausen in South Dakota. Three children were born to this union. They farmed for a short time before he entered the United States Army Air Corps Jan. 4, 1943. During World War II, he served as a ground crew member with the 386th Air Service Group in the Pacific Theatre, and in ground combat at Iwo Jima. After receiving his honorable discharge Jan. 6, 1946, he returned home to Elk Horn, where he worked as a mason and carpenter. In 1972, he was forced to retire after breaking his arm and hip. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church and was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and the American Legion. In October of 2000, Clinton and Lyria became residents of Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, where he died June 3, 2001, at age 84 years, seven months and 12 days.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a stillborn son, Dean Allen Jensen; two brothers, Emory and Milo Jensen; and a sister, Emma Olsen. He is survived by his wife, Lyria Jensen of Elk Horn; two daughters; Ronda Brown and Sherry (Garey) Knudsen, all of Hutchinson, MN; four grandchildren, Brian Knudsen (Jackie) of Lakeville, MN; Tasha (Eric) Unkenholz of Rapid City, SD; Tonya Knudsen of Hutchinson, MN; Jerrod Brown of Sartell, MN; two great grandsons, Jack Unkenholz of Rapid City, SD and Ethan Knudsen of Lakeville, MN; a twin brother, Clifford Jensen of Harlan; two sisters-in-law, Viola Jensen and Veneta Sorensen, both of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 6, 2001, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion Post 322, Elk Horn. Casket bearers were Brian Knudsen, Kenneth Olsen, Allen Larsen, Jerrod Brown, Dale Nelson and Tim Fredericksen. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.