

## Willard Jensen, 93

*Oct. 30, 1907 – June 27, 2001*

**HARLAN** – Willard Jensen, son of Chris Peter and Emma (Christensen) Jensen, was born Oct. 30, 1907, in Center Township, rural Harlan. He attended country school in Lincoln Township, completing the eighth grade. He did farm work before moving to California in 1917. A year later, Willard returned to the rural Harlan area, where he once again farmed.

Dec. 11, 1929, he married Edna Louise Rehder in Harlan. The couple farmed for 35 years in Lincoln Township. They moved into Harlan in 1965, where he worked as Shelby County Inspector for two years before being employed by the City of Harlan, working in parking and meter enforcement, and swimming pool maintenance. He retired in 1977. Edna died Dec. 8, 1986, in Council Bluffs. He remained in his home until December 1991, when he moved to the Westridge Apartments. He lived there until October 1996, when he became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home. He was raised in the Baptist faith. He was a 50-year member of IOOF. He died June 27, 2001, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 93 years, seven months and 28 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Edna; his brother, Everett Jensen; and two sisters, Norine Jensen and Eunice Hansen. Survivors include two sons, Richard (Arlene) Jensen of Harlan and Roger (Susan) Jensen of Loveland, CO; three grandsons, Allen Jensen, Aaron Jensen and Andrew Jensen, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 30, 2001, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Gundar Lamberts of the First Baptist Church in Harlan officiating. Casket bearers were Jack Claussen, Wayne Raasch, Bob Christensen, Richard Burmeister, Brad McQueen and Duane Christensen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.