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THE LIFE STORY OF - Chris Jorgensen, 95

Chris Jorgensen, son of Jacob and Elsie Madsen Jorgensen, was born Oct. 6, 1888, in Farso, Denmark. He attended school and grew to adulthood in Denmark. In 1912, he came to the U.S.A. and settled near Fiscus, where he worked on area farms.

On Oct. 6, 1915, he married Kathryn Nymark in Harlan. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived in Irwin for a short time, before they started farming near Fiscus. After farming for 15 years they moved to Harlan, where he worked as a bricklayer and mason until 1934. At this time, he started working for the Iowa Highway Commission. After retiring from the Highway Commission in 1967, he continued to make his home in Harlan, until 1982, when he became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. This has been his home since that time.

He was a member of the Merrill's Grove Baptist church. They were honored to have celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary this past Oct. 6, 1983. He died at the Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Thursday, Feb. 2, 1984 at the age of 95 years, 3 months and 27 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son Arlo Jorgensen and one daughter, Leona May Jorgensen. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn of Harlan; one son, Kenneth of Onslow; three daughters Wyonne (Mrs Shelby) Knudsen of Shelby, Alvina Carter of Springfield, Va., and Mildred Bottorff of Lakewood, Colo.; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; one brother, Martinus Jorgensen of Arlington, S.D. and one sister, Dorothea Roener of Denmark; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 6 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor John Leggett of the First Baptist church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove cemetery, Shelby co. with LaVerne Will, Tom Jorgensen, Jim Jorgensen, Doug Robinson, John Jorgensen and Glenn Zimmerman serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.