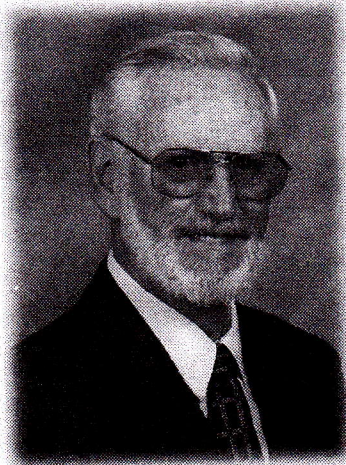


September 16, 1932
rural Freeman
November 3, 2002
Viborg

Harley L. Christensen



Harley L. Christensen was born September 16, 1932 in rural Freeman. His parents were Axel P. and Christine (Nelson) Christensen.

He married Avis Benson on June 1, 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Viborg. He entered the US Navy on September 3, 1952 and was discharged in September of 1956. He was stationed on the aircraft Carrier USS Kearsarge for 2 1/2 years in the Pacific during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge Harley and Avis made their home in the Yankton and Viborg areas. In 1961, he became employed by Northrup King Seed Co. out of Minneapolis and the lived in Nebraska. They moved to South Dakota in 1966 where Harley was a Territory Manager and was transferred to the Southeastern South Dakota Division. He retired in 1983 after 22 years of employment. He had earned the honor of becoming Salesman of the Year of the Midwest Division in 1967 and 1974 as well as of the entire United States in 1967. Harley and Avis have lived in Viborg since 1976. He has served on the Viborg City Council and as Mayor for a period of time. Harley enjoyed fishing, hunting, wood-

working, coffee at the cafe, and spending time with his children, grandchildren and good friend Roger Long.

Harley passed away on November 3, 2002 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg at the age of 70.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Virgil.

Thankful for having him in their lives are his wife Avis of Viborg; three sons Craig of St. Paul, MN, Russ and Carol of Viborg, and Rob and Lori of Sioux Falls; one daughter Marci and Steve Stanage of Corona, CA; 10 grandchildren; two sisters Margie Weidmeier of Yankton and Darline Weidmeier of Menno; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg, on November 7, 2002 with Pastor Mindy Ehrke officiating. Karen Freir was the organist.

Pallbearers were Craig Christensen, Russ Christensen, Rob Christensen, Steve Stanage, Rusty Christensen, Calvin Christensen, Kent Christensen, Justin Christensen, and Ryan Stanage. Interment was at the Hurley Cemetery.
