



Willard Christensen

July 23, 1935 - January 24, 2011

Willard Christensen, age 75, lost his long battle with leukemia and died of a heart attack on January 24, 2011 at the Buena Vista County Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. Willard had spent his entire life in the Storm Lake area except for military service in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Willard was born July 23, 1935 to Walter and Lena (Hensel) Christensen near Storm Lake. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, brothers, Harold and Carvel, his sister, Irene and a brother, Norman who died in infancy. He graduated in 1953 from Highview Consolidated School, near Linn Grove, Iowa. During his early years he did excavation work with Redig Excavation, and then formed his own company, Christensen Landscaping, which he ran for nearly 50 years. Willard married Florence (Miller) Christensen on May 29, 1957. They are the parents of three sons; Jay (Karla) Christensen of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Jeff (Stacey) Christensen of Birmingham, Alabama; and Kody (Rhonda) Christensen of Atlanta, Georgia; five grandchildren: Megan (Joe) Kissner of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Jack and Sam Christensen of Birmingham, Alabama; Carter Christensen of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Logan Christensen of Atlanta, Georgia; one great grandson, Conner Christensen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is also survived by one sister, Elma Hansen of Scottsdale, Arizona. Also surviving are brothers-in-law, John (Mary) Miller of Des Moines, Iowa; Jim (Jan) Miller of Kingman, Arizona; sister-in-law, Marjorie Miller of Rembrandt, Iowa.