



Carl Stanley Christensen, 88, of Clarkfield, died Tuesday, July 27.

Services were held Saturday, July 31 at the Clarkfield Lutheran Church with burial at the Spring Creek Lutheran Cemetery in Normania Township.

Pastor David Christensen presided over the funeral.

Christensen was born Oct. 11, 1921 in Swede Prairie Township of Yellow Medicine County to Carl and Nina (Gunlogson) Christensen.

Stanley loved life on the Minnesota prairie and proudly farmed the land. He attended a one-room country school through eighth grade, achieving perfect attendance one year and skipping two grades.

He graduated from Clarkfield High School and headed off to the Twin Cities. There he attended the University of Minnesota, majoring in Animal Husbandry.

After finishing at the University, he went into the armed services.

He served during World War II as a celestial navigator with the Army Air Corps.

He flew over 50 missions in the European theater.

His unit was very distinguished and was chosen for missions to drop supplies and personnel behind enemy lines.

These dangerous carpetbagger missions required flying under enemy radar.

Stan was proud to serve his country and honored to attend a reunion of his unit in later years.

He also was a member of the American Legion for more than 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Leroy and Allan and sister Jane.

He is survived by his brother John (Susan), and sister-in-law Joyce; his nieces and nephews Paul Christensen of Clarkfield, Karen Menbreno of Marshall, Lisa (Martin) Graefe of Bemidji, Heidi (Jeffrey) Haines of Golden Valley, David (Julie) Christensen of Marshall; his aunt Alice Gunlogson of Minneapolis and his cousins and friends.

Military Rites were given by the Cottonwood American Legion Post 503.

Pallbearers were Lisa Graefe, Heidi Haines, Andy Gunlogson, Eric Gunlogson, Neil Gunlogson and Ross Schrankler.