

ESBECK, Merl
death notice

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Merl Esbeck, 84

ELK HORN — Funeral services for Merl Marie Esbeck, a resident of the Salem Retirement Home, will be held at 2 p.m. today (Saturday) in the Salem Retirement Home Chapel here. Burial will be in Elk Horn Cemetery.

Esbeck, 84, died Wednesday at the Home.

She is survived by two sons, Burton Esbeck and Ray Esbeck, both of Elk Horn; one daughter, Doris (Mrs. George) Wilson of Sioux City, Ia.; and five grandchildren.

Pauley Funeral Home is handling the arrangements in Harlan.

Merl M. Esbeck, 84

Elk Horn — Merl Marie Esbeck, daughter of Seth and Rena Petersen Coffin, was born July 10, 1897 at Monmouth. She attended school at Monmouth, and graduated in 1915 from Monmouth high school.

After school she moved to Elk Horn and was employed as a Telephone Operator for the Marne-Elk Horn Telephone Co.

On Aug. 31, 1920, she married George J. Esbeck of Elk Horn, in Des Moines. Two sons and one daughter were born to this union.

After their marriage, they made their home in Elk Horn, where they owned and operated a plumbing and heating business. She was a current member of Nantucket Historical Society and also a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran church.

Following their retirement, they continued to make their home in Elk Horn, where Mr. Esbeck died on June 17, 1973.

On Aug. 21, 1970 they were privileged to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the Elk Horn Lutheran church. She died at the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1982, at the age of 84 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Coffin. She is survived by her daughter, Doris (Mrs George) Willson of Sioux City; two sons, Burton and Ray, both of Elk Horn; five grandchildren; two nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at the Salem Lutheran Retirement Home Chapel Saturday, Feb. 13, 1982 with Rev. Lester H. Larson officiating.

Burial was in the Elk Horn cemetery, Elk Horn with Lee O. Esbeck, Brian Willson, George Willson, Gerald Petersen, Roland Petersen and Timothy E. Tripp serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Elk Horn was in charge of arrangements.