

The Life Story of --

Bertha Marie Nielsen, 99

1975

Kimballton — Bertha Marie Nielsen was born May 21, 1875 in Jackson township, Shelby county, daughter of Christian and Mattie Christene Petersen. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church at Jacksonville and later transferred to Immanuel Lutheran. Marie married Thor Nielsen on Aug. 22, 1896 in Harlan. They farmed north and west of Kimballton on two farms. They lived till 1926 on the farm where Leonard farmed, and from 1926 to 1936 on the farm where Harold now lives. In 1936 they moved to Kimballton and in 1959 they both moved into the Salem Nursing Home. Marie died Sunday, April 6, 1975 at the Salem Nursing Home lacking just over a month of celebrating her 100th birthday.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 30, 1964, one son - Leonard, two grandchildren and four sisters. Marie is survived by two daughters and one son: Mattie (Mrs Chris L. Christensen), Kimballton, Anna (Mrs Mike Jorgensen), of Exira and Harold Nielsen, of Kimballton, nine grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 9, 1975 in the Immanuel Lutheran church in Kimballton with Pastor David L. Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran cemetery in Kimballton with Dale Miller, Phylip Wolf, Otis Madsen, Albert Rubel, Myron Nielsen and Marvin Jorgensen serving as pallbearers.