

Niels P. Nielsen, 94

Niels Peter Nielsen was born Nov. 7, 1889 in Hilmar, Denmark. He was one of five children born to Peter Nielsens. When he first came to the U.S. as a young man he went to Yankton, S.D. He later came to Iowa, going to Des Moines and then Atlantic. Here he worked for the railroad. Later he came to the Elk Horn area. In 1918 he became a U.S. citizen and served in the U.S. military service during World War I.

He married Esther Jensen on Sept. 28, 1920. To them were born five children. He was in the Dairy Business in Elk Horn for 15 years. His wife, Esther, died in 1947. He left Elk Horn the year after she died, going to Calif., where he has lived since. He lived alone in his own home in Santa Rosa. During this time he has maintained his membership in the Elk Horn Lutheran church.

He died Sunday, Jan. 2, 1983 in the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital in Santa Rosa, Calif. He is survived by one daughter: Alva (Mrs Bruce Thomsen) of Pierre, S.D.; two sons: Mike and Leon Nielsen, both of Santa Rosa, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife: Esther; and two daughters: Linda who died in 1953 at the age of 16, and Bonnie (Mrs Harold Hareland) who died in Aug., 1982 in Santa Rosa.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 6, 1983 in the Elk Horn Lutheran church in Elk Horn with Pastor Akihiko Tominaga officiating and Pastor Harry Thomsen assisting. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery, Elk Horn with Melvin Boose, Burton Esbeck, Howard Hansen, Robert Esbeck, Emmert Steen and Roy Christensen serving as casketbearers. Honorary bearers were Marion Boose, Alfred Hansen, Paulus Nielsen and Carl Lykke.