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The Life Story of --**MRS NELS H. OLSEN, 79**

Anna Margrete Olsen, daughter of Hans Nielsen and Marie Falk Laugesen, was born Mar. 24, 1895 in Bramminge, Denmark. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on Dec. 4, 1974 at age 79 years, 8 months and 10 days. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Denmark and she attended school there. When she was 16 years old she came to the U.S. settling on a farm east of Harlan with distant relatives. On Feb. 11, 1914 she married Nels H. Olsen in Harlan. Seven children were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Olsen were privileged to observe their 53rd wedding anniversary before the death of Mr Olsen on April 3, 1967. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Olsen farmed west of Harlan until 1943. They then moved to a farm southeast of Elk Horn in Clay township and this has been her home since that time. Mrs Olsen was a charter member of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan and after moving to Elk Horn, she became a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran church.

In addition to her husband, Mrs Olsen was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Jane, who died when she was eight years old; by a granddaughter — Dorothy Ann Jensen; by a sister; and a step-brother. She is survived by her son - Helmer Olsen of Chariton, her five daughters - Agneta (Mrs Harvey B. Jensen) of Harlan; Ruby (Mrs Dale Christensen) of Melrose, Betty (Mrs William C. Boeck) of Tennant; Darlene (Mrs Robert Saltmarsh) of Marne, and Erma Lee (Mrs Marvin Roenfeld) of Jackson, Minn., by 22 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, one brother - Nels Laugesen of Elk Horn and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1974, at Pauley Home for Funerals in Harlan with Pastor Lester H. Larson of the Elk Horn Lutheran church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with John French, Brian Boeck, Steven Boeck, Dennis Jensen, Brad Langstraat and Richard Christensen serving as pallbearers.