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## Peder K. Pedersen, 93

Peder K. Pedersen, son of Chris and Kirstine Pedersen was born Sept. 14, 1889 in Hue Jartland, Denmark. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church in Hue and was currently a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran church, Elk Horn.

He served in the Danish Army before coming to America in 1911 at the age of 21. On Dec. 6, 1916 he married Olga Leistad. They farmed in the Poplar, Kimballton and Elk Horn area before moving to Elk Horn in 1944. Because of her failing health they moved to the Salem Homes in 1975. He continued his job at the Elk Horn Farm Equipment where he was employed for 25 years.

He enjoyed gymnastics both in Denmark and while in America. He often displayed his athletic ability in this field. He and Fred Jacobsen were active in the original fund drive for the Salem Lutheran Home.

He died in Elk Horn at the Salem Nursing Home on Saturday, June 11, 1983 at the age of 93 years, 8 months and 28 days.

Surviving him are his wife: Olga of the Salem Nursing Home; four daughters: Margery (Mrs Dallas) Hansen, of Audubon; Helen (Mrs Paul) Nielsen of Belle Plains; Gudrun (Mrs Warren) Jacobsen of Elk Horn and Joyce (Mrs Halvor) Strandskov of Detroit, Mich; one son, Leroy of Elk Horn; 17 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren; one brother of St. Paul, Minn. and twin sisters in Denmark.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four children; one grandchild (Jon Strandskov); one son-in-law (Paul Nielsen); four sisters, Marie of Fresno, Calif.; Martha of Knoxville and two sisters in Denmark.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 13, 1983 in the Elk Horn Lutheran church, Elk Horn with Pastor Akikio Tominaga, officiating and Pastor Harry Thomsen of the Salem Lutheran Homes assisting. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery with Kelley Pedersen, Rick Hansen, Dean Jacobsen, Mark Strandskov, Vernon Knudsen, Dale Juesgaard, Lawrence Eskov and Melvin Eskov serving as casketbearers. Honorary casketbearer was Lonnie Nielsen.