

## **Mette Kristine "Stinne" Andersen,**

**Oct. 23, 1903 - Nov. 24, 1994**

**Shelby** - Mette Kristine Andersen was born in Hundeleiv, Denmark Oct. 23, 1903, the daughter of Niels and Kathrina Rasmussen Nielsen and was one of three children in the family. Her father died when she was a child, so she was raised by her mother. As a young woman, she worked in a bakery and as a telephone operator.

She married Nels Andersen Feb. 12, 1929 in Denmark. He had immigrated to the United States in 1927 and returned to Denmark to be married. They moved to the United States in April of 1929 and settled in the Avoca area. When she received her citizenship papers, she changed her name to Stinne. They were the parents of three children. They farmed in the Avoca and Shelby areas until their retirement in 1969 when they moved to Shelby. She was a member of the United Lutheran Church in Shelby, the Friendship Club, the SCSS Neighborhood Club and other card and knitting clubs. He died Sept. 28, 1980. She moved to Salem Lutheran Homes in Sept. of 1989. She died at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Nov. 24, 1994 at age 91 years, 1 month and 1 day.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Nels, one brother, Thomas Nielsen, and a son-in-law, Dale Messerschmidt. She is survived by her children; Irwin Andersen (LaVere) of Avoca, David Andersen (Dorothy) of Shelby, and Catherine (Robert) Thoms, also of Shelby, 9 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, one brother, Ejner Nielsen of Lokken, Denmark, 6 sisters-in-law, including Lillian Andersen of Avoca, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 26, 1994 at the United Lutheran Church, Shelby, with Pastor Stan Nielsen and Pastor Steven Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Casket bearers were: Rodney Andersen, Donald Andersen, Christian Thoms, Dana Messerschmidt, Richard Andersen and Larry Andersen. Knudson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.