

Elna Andersen, 94

March 6, 1909 - May 10, 2003

ELK HORN – Elna Magadalina Andersen was born March 6, 1909, to Laurits and Karen Marie (Petersen) Jensen, in Jacksonville, Shelby County. She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, where she was baptized. She was confirmed at Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn.

Feb. 26, 1930, Elna married Frank Andersen. Four children were born to this union, Janet, Roger, Sandra and Dixie. After their marriage, they lived on an acreage west of Kimballton until 1934, when they purchased the Poplar Store. The store kept both Elna and Frank busy. In 1943, they sold the country store and moved to a farm near Rorbeck in Clay Township where they farmed until 1967, when they moved to Elk Horn. After Elna retired, she worked for Anthony's Store in Atlantic and the Dairy Twist in Elk Horn. Frank died April 12, 1996. Elna was a member of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. She died May 10, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 94 years, two months and four days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Frank, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Joyce, and brothers and sister, Peter, Arthur, Carrie, William and Arnold; and two sisters-in-law, Helen Jensen and Esther Jensen. Survivors include her children, Roger Andersen (Jackie) of Elk Horn; Sondra (Milford) Christensen of Elk Horn; Dixie Knudtson of Boulder City, NV; 10 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Beulah Jensen of Atlantic; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 13, 2003, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Henry Flessner officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery with Brian Soper, Karen Holzman and Mindy Soper honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Rick Andersen, Monty Christensen, Tim Andersen, Brian Andersen, Joe Christensen, Bill Knudtson, Chris Knudtson and Duane Knudtson. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.