

Elna R. Andersen, 96

May 24, 1903 - Feb. 25, 2000

ELK HORN - Elna R. Andersen, daughter of Henry and Mette Kristine Nielsen Rasmussen, was born in Morke, near Randers in Judland, Denmark, May 24, 1903. She died Feb. 25, 2000, at age 96 years, nine months and one day at her own home in Elk Horn, surrounded by loved ones. She came to America at age three with her mother and six brothers and sisters to join her father already there. She attended school in Audubon County. She hired out her cooking skills to many families prior to her marriage.

She married Olla Andersen Dec. 7, 1921. Three sons were born to this union, Ervin Dale, Kenneth Burdett and Melvin Olla. They spent most of their married life on a farm south of Elk Horn. She was baptized in Denmark, and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She belonged to the ladies aid and was a member of the Rorbeck Sewing Club since 1932. She made and decorated cakes for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Olla; two sons, Ervin and Kenneth; a daughter-in-law, Wanda; four brothers, William, Rasmus, Soren and Sophus; four sisters, Kathryn (Mrs. Jacob Rudolph); Sophie (Mrs. Peter Rudolph); Laura (Mrs. George Anderson) and Dagmer Rasmussen; and a baby brother born in Denmark. Surviving are a son, Melvin Andersen (Jacquie) of Elk Horn; 13 grandchildren, Richard (Dee) Andersen of Elk Horn; Linda (Gary) Stevens of Dallas Center; Marilyn (Steve) Hansen of Des Moines; Donald (Mary) Andersen of Harlan; Shirley (Dr. Rich) Righter of New Hampshire; Verlee (Berry) Perkins of Dallas Center; Sherrie (Jim) Davis of Runnells; Donna (Gary) Hostetler of Lockridge; Keith (Ann) Andersen of Ft. Dodge; Joyce (Gordon) Heuton of Hamlin; Kent (Lisa) Andersen of Schuyler, NE; Kathi (Clark) Steen of Elk Horn and Kris Andersen of Atlantic; 34 great grandchildren; seven great great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 2000, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Rev. Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were John Davis, Scott Andersen, Richie Andersen, Cory Lange, Jeremy Hostetler, Dan Stevens, Todd Andersen, Brett Lange and Jason Harsin. Steen Funeral Home, Greenfield, in charge of arrangements.