

## LaVonne Christensen, 66

Jan. 29, 1930 - Oct. 8, 1996

**KIMBALLTON** - LaVonne Joy Christensen, daughter of Jacob and Edna Mae Petersen Christensen, was born Jan. 29, 1930, on her parent's farm near Harlan, and died Oct. 8, 1996, at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital at age 66 years, eight months and nine days. She was baptized at the Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. She attended school in Kimballton then graduated from the Audubon High School in 1948. She attended school in Omaha for a short time then worked as a secretary in Omaha.

Feb. 9, 1951, she married Arthur E. Christensen at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. They farmed near Kimballton their entire married life. He died Jan. 11, 1985. She has continued to maintain her home near Kimballton since that time. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her granddaughter, Whitney Jorgensen; her parents; her sister, LaDeanne Johnson; her stepbrothers and sisters, Merlin Jessen, Donald Jessen, Monica Pierce and Jim Jessen; her half sister, Nancy Christensen; her stepmother, Mabel Christensen, and her stepfather, Thomas Jessen. Survivors include her children and their spouses, Patricia (Kenneth) Knutsen of Lidderdale; Steven Christensen of Audubon; Curtis (Lee) Christensen of Guthrie Center; Dale Christensen of Altoona; Sheryl (Dale) Linn of Punta Gorda, FL; Keith Christensen of Audubon; Duane (Jeanne) Christensen of Charles City and Amy (John) Jorgensen of Audubon; 14 grandchildren; one great grandson; her brother, Donovan (Ruth) Christensen of Denver, CO; her stepsister, Linda (Richard) Carlisle of Omaha; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jean Morse Oct. 12, 1996, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Casket bearers were Jerry Johnson, Gary Johnson, Craig Christensen, Jerome Christensen, Marcus Christensen and Blake Christensen. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.