

Nellie Edith Johnson Christensen, 96

Nov. 15, 1897 - March 26, 1994

Elk Horn - Nellie Edith Johnson, daughter of Lewis and Cora Nott Johnson, was born Nov. 15, 1897 in Lincoln, NE, where her father was a Norwegian ministerial student at Union College. She died March 26, 1994 at Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. Nellie and her family moved to Spencer where she attended school. From Spencer they moved to Decatur, and then to Westport Township for one year before moving to the home place east of Milford.

Feb. 22, 1923, she married Harry E. Christensen in Winner, SD. After farming for twenty-eight years and raising their four children, Geraldine, Jean, Marvin and Merle, they moved to Riverside, CA and she worked at the County Hospital until moving to Denver, CO. In Denver, she received her L.P.N. degree and worked at the Porter Hospital for twelve years, moved to Minndemines, MO, then to Elk Horn in 1974. She went to the Nursing Home in 1987 and resided there since.

She is survived by her husband, Harry E. Christensen of Elk Horn; her children: Geraldine Furne (Gordon) of Bettendorf, Jean Johnson (Pastor Robert) of Portland, TN, Marvin Christensen (Helen) of Albuquerque, NM and Merle Christensen (Carol) of Bellevue, WA; three brothers: Jay S. Johnson of Breckenridge, MN, John Johnson (Ruth) of Esterville, and Roy Johnson (Hazel) of Spirit Lake; two sisters: Ruth Anderson of Hindsville, AR and Gladys Peterson of Elk Horn; brother-in-law, Leonard Christensen (Charlotte) of Zimmerman, MN; sisters-in-law, Inger Johnson of Spirit Lake and Helen Barker (Merle) of Kansas City, MO; eighteen grandchildren; twenty nine great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 30, 1994 at the West Exira Seventh Day Adventist Church with Pastor Bob Mohr officiating. Burial was in the Clay Township cemetery. Casket bearers were: Brian Furne, Conroy Johnson, Lyle Peterson, Kip Barker, Tom Christensen and Raymond Peterson. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.