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Elna Crouse, 84

ELK HORN — Elna Crouse was born May 10, 1903 in Clay twp., west of Elk Horn. Her parents were John and Maren (Jensen) Leistad. She was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran church, where she has been a life-time member.

She married Viggo Nielsen in her parents home on Aug. 1, 1923. To them were born two girls. The family farmed in the Elk Horn rural area until 1962 when they retired and moved to Elk Horn. Viggo died in 1963. In 1968, she married Lester Crouse. He died in 1980. She has been active in the Women's Circles of the church. She has also been an employee of the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn and has done volunteer work in the Salem Homes and at the Danish Mill in Elk Horn.

She died May 22, 1987 at the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn at age 84 years.

She is survived by her two daughters, Helen (Mrs Lawrence) Blunk of Atlantic and Fern (Mrs Emmert) Knudsen of Harlan; 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Grace and Arlene Leistad; four sisters, Anna Nelson, Dagny Gude, Elsie Bonnesen all of Elk Horn and Agnes Evans of Palo Alto, CA and one brother, Alfred Leistad of Elk Horn and numerous nieces and nephews, her cousins, Helga Lange, Einer Leistad and Kathrine Jensen, who lived with them in the Leistad home, also survive.

Funeral services were May 25, 1987 in the Elk Horn Lutheran church with Pastor Eugene Soland, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery with Richard Williams, Lyle Becnel, Darrell Burton, Bill Hurlbutt, Leroy Pedersen and John Leistad serving as casketbearers. Kaltoft Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.