

Ruby Christensen, 82

Nov. 17, 1917 - Feb. 14, 2000

ELK HORN - Ruby Eline Cecelia Christensen, daughter of Hans and Alma Elizabeth (Jensen) Juelsgaard, was born Nov. 17, 1917, in Clay Township, Shelby County. She was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn. She attended rural school near her home. After completing her schooling, she worked as a nurses' aid at Jones Hospital in Atlantic. When the hospital closed she took care of Dr. and Mrs. Jones in their home.

June 15, 1941, she married Niels Elmer Christensen of Atlantic, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She was a homemaker. They farmed in the Rorbeck and Atlantic areas before moving to the Elk Horn area in 1959. She worked over 19 years at Salem Lutheran Homes in the dietary department. When they retired from farming in 1986, they moved into Elk Horn. Her husband died Aug. 12, 1991. She was a member of Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church Ladies Aid and Hospitality Group. She was also a member of Danish Brotherhood. She suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage Feb. 13, 2000, and died the next day, Feb. 14, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 82 years, two months and 28 days.

Besides her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by a brother, Glen Juelsgaard; sister, LaVonne Ranaldi; sister-in-law, Tena Harder; and three brothers-in-law, Jim Christensen, Donald Harder and Marcos Ranaldi. She is survived by three children, Sherlyn Roberts of Westminster of CO; Duane (Diz) Christensen of Co. Bluffs, and special friend, Kay Schilling of Omaha, NE; Gary Christensen (Jackie) of Omaha, NE; brother, Dale Juelsgaard (Myrtle) of Elk Horn; three sisters-in-law, Helen Juelsgaard of Walnut; Lillie (Walter) Sievers of Atlantic; and Wilma (Niels) Juhl; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 17, 2000, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams and Celeste Waymire, AIM officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jerry Harder, Chuck Sievers, Dan Heilig, Larry Juelsgaard, David Juelsgaard, Bill Beaman. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.