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## **Thyra Marie Gregersen, 93**

*July 29, 1905 – July 12, 1999*

**ELK HORN** – Thyra Marie Gregersen, daughter of Jordan and Ane Sofie (Jorgensen) Jorgensen, was born July 29, 1905, on her parents' farm located three miles north of Kimballton. She graduated from Audubon High School in 1923, and went on to school to receive her teaching certificate. Thyra taught school in Clay Township.

Aug. 5, 1925, she married Martin Gregersen in Kimballton. The couple had four children, Dalton, Bernal, Shirley and Carolee. They farmed west of Elk Horn, until Martin's death April 25, 1976. In 1974, she had a stroke. She then lived with her son, Bernal, until 1995, when she entered the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. She was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and a longtime member of the Knowing Your Neighbor Club. She had been the Easter Seal chairman for Monroe Township. She died July 12, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 93 years, 11 months and 13 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Martin; one grandson, Timmy; five brothers and five sisters. Survivors include two sons, Dalton (Norma) Gregersen of Ellsworth and Bernal (Helga) Gregersen of Walnut; two daughters, Shirley (John) Beier of Omaha and Carolee Hopkins of Portland, OR; 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 17, 1999, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Steven Gronseth officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Debra Young, Ryan Hopkins, Jeffery Beier, Alan Gregersen and Teri Le Hopkins. Casket bearers were Scott Beier, Michael Beier, Mark Gregersen, Terry Gregersen, Richard Gregersen and Craig M. Gregersen. Burial was in the Elk Horn Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.