

## Gladys Jensen, 89

*May 26, 1915 - April 15, 2005*

**EXIRA** — Gladys Marie Jensen, the daughter of Soren P. and Matilda Christensen Petersen, was born May 26, 1915, at her parents' home in Hamlin Township, Audubon County. She was baptized July 25, 1915, and later confirmed at the Hamlin Lutheran Church. She attended rural school in Oakfield Township, Audubon County, then helped at home.

Oct. 12, 1941, Gladys married Sophus Jensen at the Hamlin Lutheran Church. They operated a farm in Sharon Township, Audubon County, for several years, then they operated various farms in Audubon and Shelby Counties until they retired and moved into Exira in 1988. During retirement they mowed lawns, cared for flowers and made quilts. Sophus died March 1, 1997. She lived in her home until she moved to the Friendship Home in Audubon in October of 1998, then moved to Elm Crest in Harlan in 2000. She was a member of the Hamlin Lutheran Church. She died April 15, 2005, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 89 years, 10 months and 19 days.

Preceding Gladys in death in addition to her husband were her parents; her brothers and sister, Freda and Hans Sorensen, Ernest K.C. and Karen Petersen, Emmert and Ruth Petersen; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Chris "Pete" and Elena Jensen, Hugo Cordes, Lillie and Tom Nelson and Anton and Nettie Jensen. Survivors include her children, Roger (Linda) Jensen of Atlantic; Robert (Marnell) Jensen of Adair; Howard (Carol) Jensen and Dalton (Gayl) Jensen, all of Harlan; her grandchildren, Lonny and Christy Jensen of Casey; Crystal and Brad Ruth of Earlham; Dana and Renee Jensen of Adair; Laurie Jensen of Omaha, NE; Lisa and Kevin Campbell of Polk City; Connie Jensen of Council Bluffs; Dale Jensen of Clearwater, FL; Dan and Susan Jensen of Oakland; Debra Jensen of Clive; her great-grandchildren, Whitney Jensen, Samantha Jensen, Alyssa Jensen, all of Casey; Nicole Ruth and Austin Ruth, both of Earlham; Traeton Jensen, Logan Jensen, Cayden Jensen, all of Adair; her sister-in-law, Hilga Cordes of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Steven Frock and Heather Ploen April 18, 2005, at the Hamlin Lutheran Church. Burial was in the Bethany Cemetery near Kimballton. Honorary casket bearers were Crystal, Ruth, Connie Jensen, Laurie Jensen, Lisa Campbell and Debra Jensen. Casket bearers were Richard Sorensen, Clinton Petersen, Lonny Jensen, Dan Jensen, Dale Jensen and Dana Jensen. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon, in charge of arrangements.