

/ **Leona Marie Jensen, 86**

Oct. 17, 1912 – Oct. 14, 1999

ALEXANDRIA, MN – Leona Marie Jensen was born Oct. 17, 1912, in Kimballton, daughter of Henry and Marie Larson. She attended grade school in Jacksonville.

Sept. 24, 1931, she married Oliver Jensen at Omaha, NE. The Jensens started farming in 1932, at Walnut, and later farmed in Portsmouth and Harlan. They owned and operated the Iowa Hotel in Harlan. The Jensens also owned and operated the Sun Valley Resort in Alexandria, MN, from 1951 to 1956. After that they farmed in Leaf Valley and Lake Mina until Oliver's retirement. In 1981, Leona moved to Alexandria. She died at the Knute Nelson Memorial Oct. 14, 1999, at age 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver; two sons, Darrell and Dean Jensen; and two brothers, Ivan Larsen and Leonard Larsen. Survivors include daughters, LaVaille Anderson of Wallingford; Janice Brede of Brandenton, FL; Kathleen Hornsten of Andover, MN and Lonnie Jensen of Risingsun, MD; and one sister, Florence Behrens of Arnolds Park and 21 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, 1999, at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN, with Pastor Peter Martinson officiating. Casket bearers were Brett Keller, Tim Brede, Philip Anderson, Larry Anderson, Greg Jensen and Paul Anderson. Burial was in Kinkead Cemetery. Petermeier's Alexandria Funeral Home, Alexandria, MN, in charge of arrangements.