

Cathrine Johansen, 91

May 16, 1900 – March 17, 2000

WOODBINE – Cathrine "Katie" Johansen was born May 16, 1908, in Persia, to parents Chris and Mattie (Label) Christensen. She graduated from Persia High School in 1927. She taught school three years east of Persia, and one year northwest of Portsmouth.

In 1931, she married Elmer Johansen. To this union two daughters were born, Imogene and Rita. She went back to teaching and taught 16 years at Hemlock School, two years at Cass Center, one year at Neola and 10 years in Woodbine. The couple farmed the family farm northwest of Portsmouth from 1937 until their retirement in 1973, at which time they moved to Woodbine. Elmer died May 3, 1991. Katie moved to the Risen Son Christian Village nine years ago. She attended the First Christian Church in Woodbine, had been active in the Hemlock Neighborhood Club, the Sew & Chat Quilting Club and the Retired Teachers Club. She died March 17, 2000, at the Risen Son Christian Village at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her brother, Victor Christensen; 12 half brothers and sisters. She is survived by two daughters, Imogene (George) Kelley of Co. Bluffs; Rita (John) Mooney of Seymour, TX; one grandson, Todd Peterson; and four granddaughters, Cheryl Moores, Susan Sorenson, Julie McClain and Janet Chase; five great grandsons and a nephew that lived with them for several years, Jerry Spracklin (Mary) of Des Moines; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 20, 2000, at First Christian Church in Woodbine, with Reverend John Eilers officiating. Casket bearers were Chris Blum, Mark Bruck, Donovan Grap, Wayne Mikels, Bruce Williams and Laverne Williams. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in rural Persia. Fouts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.