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## **Elna Johansen, 92** ✓

*Sept. 8, 1911 - Feb. 14, 2004*

**ELK HORN** – Elna Hansine, daughter of Justinus and Anna Marie (Hansen) Johansen, was born Sept. 8, 1911, on the family farm near Kimballton. She attended country school at Jackson #6. Elna helped on the farm and in 1952 started working as a secretary at the Salem Lutheran Homes. In 1954, she moved into Elk Horn with her family and continued working at Salem until her retirement in 1984. Elna was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church. For many years, she played organ at Bethany and Elk Horn Lutheran Churches. In May of 1998, Elna became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, where she died Feb. 14, 2004, at age 92 years, five months and seven days.

Besides her parents, Elna was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Johansen, and wife, Elise; a sister, Clara Johansen; and a great niece, Carol Christensen. She is survived by three nieces, Leta (Eiwind) Madsen of Elk Horn; Dolores (Clarence) Harder of Avoca; and Ardyce (Michael) Falcone of Downers Grove, IL; 11 great nieces and great nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18, 2004, at the Bethany Lutheran Church with Pastor Kevin Nelson officiating. Casket bearers were Paul Harder, Mark Falcone, Randal Madsen, Brent Madsen, Wayne Madsen and Jeffrey Harder and Louie Harder. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.