

Sylvia Viola Johnson, 83

March 30, 1914 - Nov. 2, 1997

ELK HORN - Sylvia Viola Johnson, daughter of Nels Henry and Anna (Carstensen) Johnson, was born March 30, 1914, on a farm south of Elk Horn. She was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and remained a member her entire life. She attended grade school in Clay #6 and graduated from Elk Horn High School in May 1930. While in high school and after graduation she played trumpet in the town band until it disbanded. She went to cosmetology school in Des Moines graduating in October of 1937. She then worked as a beautician in Des Moines, Harlan, Atlantic and later for 15 years she had a shop in her own home. She devoted her life to her family - helping her parents on the farm and in later years caring for them. After her parents died, she and Levi remained on the farm until 1977, when they moved to Elk Horn. She belonged to the Outlook Study Club many years ago, and was active in the W.O.C. at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church until her health deteriorated. She became a resident of the Salem Nursing Home in June of 1996, and continued to make this her home until she died Nov. 2, 1997, at age 83 years, seven months and three days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Levi and Alvin; and two nephews, Lynn and David Johnson. Survivors include her sister, Golda Weingartner of Webster, NY; her brothers, Folmer Johnson (Verda) of Elk Horn; Kenneth Johnson (Betty) of Omaha; a sister-in-law, Ruby Johnson of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 1997, in the Hansen Chapel of Salem Lutheran Home with Rev. Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Cemetery with Kent Johnson, Scott Weingartner, Kyle Johnson, Courtney Johnson, Eric Johnson and Kevin Johnson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.