

Elsie M. Juel, 83

Feb. 14, 1919 - Aug. 2, 2002

HARLAN – Elsie Margrethe Juel was born to Margrethe Johanne Deodata (Hansen) and Rasmus Johansen Feb. 14, 1919, at her parents' farm 2 1/2 miles southeast of Elk Horn. She was baptized and confirmed at Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She attended grade school at Oakfield No. 3 in Audubon County later graduating from Elk Horn High School.

Feb. 14, 1940, she married Folmer Woodrow Juel at the Bethany Lutheran Parsonage northeast of Kimballton. Two daughters and one son, who died at birth, were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Sharon Township between Hamlin and Kimballton until 1957, when they moved to a farm southwest of Audubon. They remained on the Audubon farm until moving to Harlan, in 1959. She continued to make her home in Harlan although she lived the last six months in California with her daughters. She was employed as a sales associate at Andersen's Clothing and Ben Franklin in Harlan. Later, she worked as head cook at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. Elsie retired from the hospital in 1981 at age 62. During her life, she was a member of Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Bethany Lutheran Church, Kimballton, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Audubon and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Harlan. Aug. 2, 2002, she died at Beach Cities Transitional Care Hospital in Torrance, CA, at age 83 years, five months and 19 days.

In addition to her parents and son, she was preceded in death by her husband, Folmer, Feb. 25, 1975, and her brother, Waldo Johansen, Dec. 28, 1999. She is survived by her daughters, Judith (Robert) Reid and Denise Kleffman of Torrance, CA; grandchildren, Jeffrey Reid, Jennifer Adamick and Justin Kleffman; great grandchild, Reid Adamick; brothers and sisters, Everett Johansen (Bernice) of Audubon; Mildred Warren of Audubon; Dorothy (Forrest) Petersen of Harlan; LeRoy Johansen (Jeanie) of Chariton; and Robert Johansen (Nelda) of Chariton; sisters-in-law, Goldie Ebert of Audubon; Minerva Gubbels of Harlan; and Frances Johansen of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with the Rev. Jon Benson officiating. Burial at Immanuel Cemetery, Kimballton, preceded the funeral service. Casket bearers were Jeffrey Reid, Stephen Petersen, Robert Reid, Kenneth Kleffman, Justin Kleffman and Dennis Andersen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

