

Darlene Hansen, 73

May 20, 1930 - Sept. 23, 2003

ATLANTIC – Darlene L. Hansen, the daughter of Andrew and Anna (Christensen) Christoffersen, was born May 20, 1930, at Kimballton. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. She attended school in the Kimballton area and graduated from Audubon High School in 1948. She attended Normal Training in Atlantic and taught at Jacksonville No. 6 for a year.

In July of 1949, she married Russell R. Hansen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Six children were born to this union. They operated the family farm for six years, moved to Arizona for one year, then moved to Fiscus, where they farmed for one year. They moved to the Exira area where they farmed until 1967. During this time, Darlene also sold Avon. In 1966, Darlene and her children moved to a home north of Exira. Following a divorce in 1967, they moved into Exira where she began working as a waitress at several local restaurants to support her children. She moved to Atlantic in 1981 where she was employed by many families as a child care provider. Health complications in 1993 caused her to retire from child care. Darlene continued to live in Atlantic until she moved to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, because of failing health in June of 2003. Darlene was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, and the Exira Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School for many years. She died Sept. 23, 2003, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 73 years, four months and three days.

Preceding her in death were her sons, Steven Hansen and Richard Hansen, and her parents. Survivors include her daughters, Janet (Paul) (David) Blumenstein, Jr. of Conifer, CO; Lois Vargas of North Platte, NE; Eunice (Forrest) (Woody) Grugan of Brayton; Patti (Jim) Frederiksen of Mame; her grandchildren, Heidi Blumenstein of Littleton, CO; Eric Blumenstein of Golden, CO; Nicholas Vargas and Michael Vargas, both of North Platte, NE; Bradford Grugan of Brayton; Jason Frederiksen of Ames; Kyle Frederiksen and Matthew Frederiksen, both of Mame; Sarah Hansen of Ames; her brothers and sisters, Emery (Ruby) Christoffersen of Kimballton; Dalton (Sylvia) Christoffersen of Atlantic; Ardyce (Donald) Lee of Arvada, CO; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Vernon (Bob) (Verdell) Hansen of Harlan and Virginia (Lester) Petersen of Jacksonville; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steven Frock Sept. 27, 2003, at the Mame United Methodist Church in Mame. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Heidi Blumenstein, Eric Blumenstein, Sarah Hansen, Jason Frederiksen, Kyle Frederiksen, Matthew Frederiksen, Michael Vargas, Nicholas Vargas and Bradford Grugan. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.