

Martha Louise Hemphill, 97

Jan. 19, 1901 - April 2, 1998.

ELK HORN - Martha Louise Hemphill was born Jan. 19, 1901, to Rasmus and Karen Mitlin Hansen in Elk Horn. She died April 2, 1998, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home at age 97. She graduated from Atlantic High School.

In May of 1919 she married Carl Lykke. She moved to Fargo, ND in 1945. She was employed as an underwriter for the Mutual of New York Insurance Company and also owned and operated an apartment house.

Oct. 11, 1953, she married Perry Hemphill. They moved to Elk Horn several years later and had lived there since then. She was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, the Women of the Church, Outlook Study Club, the Music Club and the Soroptomists.

She was preceded in death by her parents; eight brothers; three sisters and a grandson. She is survived by her three children, Joanne Potts (Ken) of Elk Horn; Maurice Lykke (Katherine) of Fargo, ND and Honor Sanville of Westbrook, ME; 16 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two step grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 5, 1998, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Tim Potts, Mark Lykke, Keith Lykke, Tom Potts, Paul Lykke and John Christensen. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.