

## Thelma Lange, 88

*Aug. 2, 1911 – July 23, 2000*

**ELK HORN** – Thelma Margaret Lange, daughter of Peter Viggo and Marie H. Ingerslev Hansen, was born Aug. 2, 1911, in Sharon Township, Audubon County. She was baptized Oct. 1, 1911, at Bethany Lutheran Church. She started school two miles west of Hamlin, and then finished her schooling in Elk Horn. She was confirmed at age 14 at Elk Horn Lutheran Church.

Feb. 18, 1932, she married Theodore B. Lange at the Elk Horn Lutheran Parsonage. Two sons were born to this union. They lived on a farm north of Rorbeck for seven years and then in November of 1939 bought a farm east of Elk Horn. They moved onto that farm March 1, 1940, and lived there for 25 years. They retired in 1965, and moved into Elk Horn. She was a homemaker. Her husband died in 1979, and she remained in her home for about one year before moving to Friendship Village in Audubon. Due to failing health, she became a resident of Salem Homes in 1991 and in 1999 returned to Audubon to the Friendship Home where she died July 23, 2000, at age 88 years, 11 months and 21 days.

Besides her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; son, Gordon Lange; brothers, Ralph Hansen and Herbert Hansen; nieces, Margaret Sommer and Jean Bruch; and nephew, Peter Hansen. She is survived by her son, Marvin Lange (Mary Alice) of Audubon; daughter-in-law, Marcia Lange of Audubon; grandsons, Gary Lange (Janet) of Kansas City, MO; Randy Lange (Natalie) of Audubon; Jim Lange (Becky) of Hamlin; Jerry Lange (Cathy); and granddaughter, Nancy (Rodney) Hansen, all of Audubon; great grandchildren, Jessica and Ryan Lange of Kansas City, MO; Melinda and Shane Lange of Audubon; Kevin and Kelsi Lange of Hamlin; Hannah and Joshua Lange and Brandon Hansen, all of Audubon; foster son, Charles Parkhurst (Beverly) of Harlan; brother, Ranald Hansen of Elk Horn; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Hansen of Elk Horn; Alice Hansen of Branson, KS and Helga Lange of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 26, 2000, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gary Lange, Jim Lange, Rod Hansen, Randy Lange, Jerry Lange and Charles Parkhurst. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.