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Lydia S. Nelson, 85

Mar. 23, 1908 - Jan. 18, 1994

Elk Horn - Lydia Sorine Nelson, daughter of Christian and Christine Marie Byriel Marcusen, was born March 23, 1908 on her parents farm in Hamlin Township in Audubon County. She died Jan. 18, 1994 at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn at age 85 years, 9 months and 25 days. She was baptized and confirmed at the Bethany Lutheran Church northeast of Kimballton. She attended school at Hamlin No. 4 and 1 year at Grandview College in Des Moines. She then was employed at various homes as a housekeeper in Audubon County.

Dec. 23, 1930 she married Marvel E. (Bus) Nelson in Atlantic. They moved to San Juan Capistrano, CA where they lived for five years. In 1935 they returned to Audubon where Marvel was employed as a carpenter. In 1943 they began farming northwest of Kimballton. They farmed until they retired and moved into Elk Horn in 1967. They moved to the Four Plex in Elk Horn in April of 1981. Marvel died July 22, 1987. Lydia maintained her own home until she moved to the Salem Retirement Home in March of 1993. She had been a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home for the past two weeks. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. She was a life-time member of the Social Hour Ladies Club.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband was her daughter-in-law, Linda Nelson; her parents; her brothers and sisters; Arthur Marcusen; Orla Marcusen; Margaret Andersen; Eva Thompson; her brothers-in-law; Alfred M. Christensen, Emanuel T. Andersen, Henry Mortensen, Frank Thompson, Clarence Nelson; and her brother-in-law and his wife, Paul and Verda Doese. Survivors include her children and their spouses: Martin C. (Shirley) Nelson; Dale M. (Marge) Nelson; Lyle B. (Dorothy) Nelson all of Elk Horn; Gary M. (Sherry) Nelson of San Marcos, TX; Janis (Larry) Fajen of Elk Horn; 13 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 11 step-great grandchildren; her sister, Hilda Christensen of Audubon; her sisters-in-law; Martha Marcusen of Audubon; Valborg Marcusen of Exira; Pearl Nelson of CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Riggle and Pastor Stephen Gronseth Jan. 21, 1994 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Burial was in the Arlington Heights cemetery in Audubon. Casket bearers were LaJean Fajen, Bruce Nelson, Dean Nelson, Gale Nelson, Greg Nelson, Jay Nelson and Mike Nelson. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.