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Riffie Nelson, 92

ELK HORN — Riffie Nelson, daughter of William and Phoebe Shumaker Sargeant was born April 30, 1894 at Harlan. She attended Harlan schools, graduated from the Harlan Business college and worked in a law and abstract office.

On March 6, 1919, she married Henry Nelson and they farmed near Harlan and Kirkman. In 1935 they moved to their farm six miles west of Elk Horn and later to a farm 1½ miles west. In 1975, they moved to Harlan, where they lived until Henry's death in 1981. She has been a resident of the Salem Lutheran Homes since 1982. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran church. She died Feb. 26, 1987 at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha at age 92 years, 9 months and 26 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, four sisters: Minnie Quick, Florence Johnson, Marion Petersen and Ruth Larson; three brothers: Phil, Raymond and George Sargeant. She is survived by her son, Richard of Elk Horn; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were March 2, 1987 at Elk Horn Lutheran church with Rev. Eugene Soland, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn cemetery with Harvey Greve, Gary Martens, Andrew Holtz, Raymond Beebe, Russell Lange and Lowell Andersen serving as casketbearers. Services were conducted by Burmeister Funeral Home.