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KIMBALLTON - Holger S. Nielsen was born July 10, 1911 in Hejls, Denmark. He was the youngest of 12 children. His parents were Jeppe and Anna (Sanbeck) Nielsen. He was baptized in Denmark and confirmed in Marcus in the Lutheran faith. Holger came to the U.S. when he was only two years of age. He came with his mother and some of his brothers and sisters. His father died when he was only a year old. They first came to Cleghorn near Marcus. He attended country school and later Augustana Academy in Canton, S.D. He served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during WW II and was affiliated with a hospital unit.

He was married to Beulah Henriksen on Jan. 26, 1946. He attended Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, MN., for two years. He graduated from Dumwoody Institute in Minneapolis studying interior decorating. He completed Trinity Seminary at Dana College in Blair, NE., and on June 22, 1953 he was ordained in Atlantic. Since that time he has served St. John's Lutheran Church in San Juan, TX., and Salem Lutheran Church in Paso Lake Ontario, Canada. He came to Jacksonville and served the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in that community from 1961-1976. He has also served on the Salem Lutheran Homes board for 10 years. He retired in 1976 and moved to Kimballton.

Pastor Nielsen died in Rockyview Hospital in Calgary Alberta Canada on June 9, 1989. He was preceded in death by his parents; one infant son and five brothers and four sisters. He is survived by his wife, Beulah of Kimballton; five daughters and their husbands, Pauline and James Johnson of Winfield British Columbia, Canada; Rachel Nielsen of Omaha, NE.; Anna Marie and Robt. Crane of Cleveland, OH.; Ruth and Steven Christensen of Audubon and Sarah Jane Nielsen of Des Moines; two sons Mark Nielsen of Sioux City and James Nielsen of Cambridge; nine children and two sisters, Elizabeth Brating of MN., and Anna (Mrs Harry) Hansen of Paullina.

Funeral services were held June 15, 1989 in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery with casketbearers Harlan Jensen, Harold Nielsen, Glen Jorgensen, Ronald Mortensen, Emmert Knudsen and Harold Pieper.