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Paulus Nielsen, 97

July 10, 1894 — Dec. 25, 1991

Paulus Nielsen was born July 10, 1894 in Denmark. He was the son of Christen Nielsen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church of Denmark and was currently a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. He came to the U.S. at age 20, coming first to Audubon. He enlisted and served in the U.S. Army during WW I. He farmed around the Elk Horn area for three years.

Feb. 22, 1922, he married Marie Dorothy Nelson. They had one infant son who died. He moved to the town of Elk Horn and did carpenter work for many years. His wife died in 1966. Following the death of his wife, he was able to be in his own home with the help of Maxine Carlsen, her sister, Helen Petersen, and Lester Wheatleys. He entered the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn, June 6, 1991, where he died Dec. 25, 1991.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, an infant son; two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30, 1991, in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Casketbearers were: Lamont Christensen, Delbert Rasmussen, Lynn Larsen, Ray Esbeck, Dallas Hansen, and Robert Esbeck.