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Karen Jacobine Nielsen, 108

Jan. 6, 1892 – June 18, 2000

KIMBALLTON – Karen, daughter of Rasmus Christian Twendstrup and Otilia Maria Olsen Twendstrup, was born Jan. 6, 1892, in Aalborg, Denmark. She was baptized at home March 21, 1892, and confirmed in Vor Frue Church. She attended school in Denmark. After receiving an inheritance following the death of her father, Karen emigrated from Denmark to Iowa in the United States in 1909, where her two elder brothers lived.

Nov. 11, 1911, she married Hans H. Nielsen in Kimballton. Three sons were born to this union, Folmer and twins, Emmert and Ernest. Hans and Karen farmed near Walnut, Kimballton and Dedham, retiring to Kimballton in 1965. Karen and her husband became residents of Salem Homes in Elk Horn in 1984. Her husband died March 7, 1987. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Danish Ladies Aid. She died June 18, 2000, at Salem Homes, at age 108 years, five months and 12 days.

Besides her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by two sons, Folmer and Emmert Nielsen; grandson, David Nielsen; all her eight brothers and sisters, Johanne Marie, Marie Caroline, Bolette Nielsine, twins, Margrethe Christine and Karen Christine, Carl Christian, John Emil and Hans Christian; and her six stepbrothers and sisters. She is survived by son, Ernest Nielsen of Rippey; three grandsons, Gene, Ronald and Mike Nielsen; two granddaughters, Darlene (Chuck) Beck and Mary Jo (Brad) May; 13 great grandchildren; great great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 20, 2000, at the Salem Home Chapel with Pastor Keith Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Kjer Christensen, Brad May, Seth May, Paul Christensen, Brian Wendt and Gene Nielsen. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.