

Lillie Nielsen, 101

June 27, 1909 - Jan. 29, 2011

ELK HORN — Lillie H. Nielsen, the daughter of Nis C. and Mary (Hansen) Hansen, was born June 27, 1909, at her parents' home northwest of Kimballton, and died January 29, 2011, at the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, at the age of 101 years, 7 months, and 2 days. Lillie was baptized at her parents' home and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. She attended rural school at Jackson No. 6 then helped at home.

March 18, 1936, Lillie was united in marriage to Harold Nielsen, who had grown up and lived in the same neighborhood, in Atlantic. Three children Muriel, Myron, and Maynard were born to this union. They settled on a farm one mile west of Kimballton and a half mile north where they lived their entire married life. They grew row crops and raised livestock for many years. Harold also owned a thrashing machine and did custom thrashing for many area farmers. Harold died on February 20, 1987. Lillie continued to live on the farm until September of 1991 when she purchased a home in Elk Horn where she lived with her son Maynard. She enjoyed her home until failing health made it necessary for her to move to the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn on May 13, 2002. Lillie was a lifelong member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton and was a member of the Social Hour Club, a neighborhood club, which she belonged to for many years. She was a homemaker all her life and was a wonderful cook. Her family was very important to her and her grandchildren were the loves of her life. While living on the farm, she lived just up the hill from her granddaughters. They would often "run away from home" only to end up at Grandma's home.

Lillie was preceded in death in addition to her husband, Harold; by her parents; her sister Anna and husband Jens Clausen; and her brothers Hans and wife Bertha Hansen and Willie and wife Thora Hansen. Survivors include her children Muriel and husband Dale Petersen of Elk Horn, Myron (Mike) and wife Barb Nielsen of Council Bluffs, Maynard Nielsen of Elk Horn; 6 grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 10 step great grandchildren; 2 step great great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Joy Gonnerman, assisted by Pastor Steven Frock on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Casket



bearers were Shane Nielsen, Terry Petersen, Chad Himmelberg, Eric Nelson, Nolan Himmelberg, Zach Himmelberg and Casey Sayles. The family met with friends Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Kessler Funeral Home in Exira.

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