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Karen Elna Steen, 78 ✓

March 18, 1913 — Sept. 3, 1991

ELK HORN – Karen Elna (Jensen) Steen was born March 18, 1913, to Jens K. and Berthalena Nielsen Jensen. She died Sept. 3, 1991, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, at age 78. She graduated from Audubon High School in 1931. She taught rural school for one year, attended Boyles Business College in Omaha, and went four years to Dana College graduating in 1939. After graduation she taught business at Bennington and Ashland High Schools in NE. She also worked for her father, J.K. Jensen in the grocery business in Audubon, before and after her marriage.

She married Edward J. Steen, Feb. 22, 1948, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Audubon. They moved to Elk Horn in 1957. She taught fifth grade in the Elk Horn-Kimballton School for twelve years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma, an International Honor Society; Outlook Study Club; Library Board; Elk Horn Lutheran Women's Organization; Community Birthday Calendar Director, and the 1935 Dana College Denmark Tour Choir.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Ruth Lumby and Thelma Jensen. She is survived by her husband, Edward of Elk Horn, adopted son, Ernest W. Cross, Jr. (Janice) of LaPorte, IN.; two grandchildren; sisters, Helga Jensen (Leonard) of Audubon; Betty Christensen (V.E. Barney) of Exira and Esther Schlotzhauer of Apollo Beach, FL.; brothers-in-law, Leroy Lumby of Phoenix, AZ.; Emmert Steen (Neoma) and Leonard Steen (Sharlot), all of Elk Horn; a cousin, Karen Olsen of Aalborg, Denmark, numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6, 1991 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Steven Gronseth, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery with Darrell Soe, Wilfred Eskov, LeRoy Pedersen, Howard Hansen, Eiwind Madsen and Howard Sorensen, casketbearers. ✓