

Elvena C. Christensen, 85

Elk Horn — Elvena C. Christensen, daughter of Soren and Sophia Nelsen Christensen, was born Jan. 25, 1893 on a farm in Pottawattamie county. She attended country school and grew to adulthood in this area. She was baptized in the Lutheran faith. On Dec. 23, 1912 she married Christian Marinus Christensen in the Elk Horn Lutheran church. This union was blessed with four children.

After their marriage, they farmed near Walnut and Osceola. From 1933-46 they lived in Colfax. They retired in 1946 and moved to Santa Monica, Calif. After Christian's death in 1962 she continued to make her home there until 1971, when she returned to Iowa and became a resident at the Salem Nursing home in Elk Horn. She died there Thursday, Oct. 19, 1978 at age 85 years, eight months and 24 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents, by a son - Clair Max Christensen and a grandson - Scott McDermott. Survivors include one son - LeRoy Christensen of Washington D.C.; two daughters - Geraldine McDermott of Santa Monica, Calif., and Elaine (Mrs James) Rowlette of Carson City, Nev., eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one sister - Leona Henningsen of Elk Horn; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 23, 1978 in the Elk Horn Lutheran church with Pastor Eugene F. Soland, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn cemetery with Raynold Jensen, Toby Henningsen, G. M. Christensen, W. E. Christensen, Orvie Christensen and Dale L. Christensen serving as casket-bearers.