

# Karen M. Jensen, 96

**JACKSONVILLE** — Karen Marie Jensen, daughter of Eska and Karen (Nissen) Petersen, was born on a farm in Jackson twp, Shelby county, on Febr. 16, 1881. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Oct. 10, 1977 at age of 96 years, 7 months and 24 days. She was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville. She attended Jackson twp., No. 2 country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. On Mar. 8, 1899, she married Laurits Jensen at her parent's home north of Jacksonville. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Jensen farmed in Jackson twp. all their married life. They were privileged to share almost 64 years together before his death in Jan. of 1963. Mrs Jensen continued to live on the farm for a year before moving to Kimballton. In 1974 she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn and this has been her home since that time. Mrs Jensen joined the Elk Horn Lutheran church in 1913 and has been a member ever since then. She was also a member of church circle.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Carrie Andersen; a son, William C. Jensen; six brothers - Peter, Nis, Ebbe, Hans, J. L., and infant, Carl Petersen; three sisters - Toracy Rasmussen; Lena Petersen and infant, Caroline Petersen. Her survivors include three sons - E. L. P. Jensen of rural Harlan, Arthur and Arnold Jensen of rural Elk Horn; a daughter, Elna M. (Mrs Frank Andersen) of Elk Horn; 15 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, two sisters - Tena Jacobsen of Jacksonville and Sarah Faaborg of Des Moines; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Elk Horn Lutheran church on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1977, with Rev. Eugene F. Soland, pastor of the Elk Horn Lutheran church, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn cemetery with Lee Jensen, Darell Jensen, Larry A. Jensen, Robert L. Jensen, Lynn A. Andersen and Roger F. Andersen, all grandsons of Mrs Jensen, serving as casketbearers.