

Martha C. Jensen, 90

ELK HORN — Martha Christina Jensen, daughter of Jeppe and Elsie Christofferson Nelson, was born on a farm near Exira, in Audubon county on Oct. 13, 1886. She died at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, Nebr., on Aug. 23, 1977, at age 90 years, 10 months and 10 days. As a young girl, Martha moved with her parents to Merrill's Grove in Shelby county. She attended the Polk No. 7 country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. As a young woman, she was baptized and joined the Merrill's Grove Baptist church where she served as organist for a number of years. On Nov. 26, 1914, she married Magnus Jensen at Merrill's Grove Baptist church. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Jensen farmed north of Fiscus for over 30 years. After Mr Jensen's death in November of 1945, Martha continued to make her home on the farm for a short time. In 1946 she moved to Harlan and made her home at 507 Durant St. She became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, in Aug. of 1975 and this has been her home since that time. Mrs Jensen joined the Bethel Baptist Church after moving to Harlan and served as a faithful member of her church.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, LeRoy Nelson. Her survivors include a daughter, Verlee (Mrs Harold Shupe) of Atlantic, four sons - Dale Jensen of Tacoma, Wash., Wayne Jensen of North Sioux City, So. Dak., Harvey Jensen of State College, Penn., and Howard Jensen of Honolulu, Hawaii, 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, by three brothers - Clarence C. and Chris W. Nelson, both of Harlan and Harry Nelson of rural Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, Aug. 29, 1977, with Mrs Jensen's nephew, Rev Vince Nelson, pastor of the Community church in Malta, Mont., and Pastor A. B. Neuenschwander, pastor of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove cemetery, Shelby county, with Merle Nelson, Lloyd Nelson, Robert Burton, Everett Nelson, Laverne Nelson and Herbert Nelson serving as casketbearers.