

The Life Story of --

**MRS NELS PEDERSEN, 88**

**ELK HORN** — Emma Elvera Pedersen, daughter of Andrew and Wilhelmina Carlson Erickson, was born Febr. 12, 1886 in Oakfield township in Audubon county, Ia. On Febr. 24, 1904 she married Nels Pedersen in Oakfield twp. This union was blessed with five children. She lived her entire life in the Exira area until entering the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn. She was a member of the Brayton Lutheran church. Mrs Pedersen died on Nov. 4, 1974 at the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn at age 88 years, 8 months, 23 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1915; a son - Lester

Pedersen; two daughters - Gladys and Vera Pedersen; four brothers and seven sisters. Survivors include a son - Nels E. Pedersen of Exira, a daughter - Mrs Vernon (Grace) Mardesen of Elk Horn, seven grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 6, 1974 at the Brayton Lutheran church with Rev David LeMaster, officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill cemetery with Lyle, Wayne and Lloyd Pedersen, LaVerne Nelson, Darrell and Richard Mardensen serving as pallbearers.

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