

The Life Story of—

MRS. JOHN SORENSEN, 83

Marie Sorensen, daughter of Peter and Karen Marie Andersen Siemssen, was born Dec. 2, 1890 in Nykjobing, Denmark, where she grew to adulthood. She died at the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, on Jan. 19, 1974 at age 83 years, 1 month, 17 days. When she was 19 years of age she came to the U.S. At first she lived and worked in the Cuppy's Grove community and then in Atlantic for 3 years. She later moved to Harlan and worked there. On Nov. 9, 1916 she married John Sorensen at the Hans Bensen residence in Cuppy's Grove. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Sorensen lived in the Harlan area and this was her home until 3 months ago when she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn. Mrs Sorensen was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith Denmark and she has been a member of Immanuel Lutheran church since moving to Harlan.

— She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on July 31, 1956; by her son, Otto; by four grandchildren - Robert Emory Sorensen, Sherry Jane Sorensen, Karen Marie Petersen, and Rodney Owen Goodner; by four sisters - Elsie (Mrs Hans Bensen), Anna (Mrs Peter N. Petersen), Mrs Thora Bak, and Fredericka Siemssen; and by three brothers - Otto, Andreas, and Adolph Siemssen. Mrs Sorensen is survived by three daughters - Isabelle (Mrs Gordon Petersen) of Hollywood, Fla., Carrie (Mrs Martin Axland) of Harlan and Betty (Mrs Rex Goodner) of Kirkman; by one son - Robert W. Sorensen of Harlan; by 11 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; by her nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1974 at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan with Pastor Orville Sanderson, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Melvin Ahart, Ruben Jensen, Dallas Havick, Alfred Peters, Kenneth Peters, and Melvin Dinesen serving as pallbearers. The Pauley Home for Funerals was in charge of