

## Verlee Andersen, 72

July 25, 1927 - May 25, 2000

**EXIRA** - Verlee Carrie, daughter of Roy and Carrie Jensen Andersen, was born July 25, 1927, near Elk Horn. She was baptized Oct. 9, 1927, at Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She attended rural schools near her home. April 6, 1941, she was confirmed at Jacksonville Church. When she was 15 her mother died and she became mother to her brother and sisters. At age 16, in the spring of 1944, she graduated from Harlan High School. She had completed her Normal Training while in high school and immediately following her graduation started teaching at Clay #3.

Jan. 20, 1948, she married Dale Lavern Andersen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Jacksonville. Four children were born to this union. Verlee and Dale lived in Minden until 1954, when they moved to a farm near Exira. She was a homemaker. Verlee was a member of Elk Horn Lutheran Church, a Bloodmobile volunteer, and a member of a neighborhood women's club called the Jolly Workers. May 25, 2000, she died at her farm home, Exira, following a year and a half battle with cancer at age 72 years and 10 months of age.

Verlee is preceded in death by her mother; stepmother, Elvina; father and mother-in-law, Jens P. and Hilda Andersen; brothers-in-law, Albert Eskov, Burdette Poldberg and Clifford Andersen. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dale Andersen of Exira; four children, Mary (Alan) Gregersen of Goleta, CA; Lois (Greg) Baier of Audubon; Allan Andersen (Jolene) of Elk Horn; Carol (Kelly) Schlake of Atlantic; nine grandchildren, Brenda (Tom) Carr, Brent Gregersen, Sara (Nate) Vorm, Jason Baier, Gina Baier, Valerie Andersen, Shelly (Kevin) Flathers, Sheena Schlake and Sharla Schlake; one great granddaughter, Kelbe Flathers; her father, Roy Andersen of Elk Horn; a brother, Lynn Andersen (Mary Lou) of Jacksonville; two sisters, Marilyn Bennett of Atlantic and Kay (Gene) Elmquist of Mapleton; sisters-in-law, Mildred Eskov, June Poldberg, Leila Mae (Lloyd) Nelsen and Glenda Andersen; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 28, 2000, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams and Celeste Waymire, AIM officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were grandchildren, Brenda and Tom Carr, Sara and Nate Vorm, Valerie Andersen, Sheena Schlake, Brent Gregersen, Jason Baier, Gina Baier, Shelly and Kevin Flathers and Sharla Schlake. Casket bearers were Ron Andersen, Larry Eskov, Craig Poldberg, Toni Elmquist, Mark Nelsen and John Andersen. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.