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## **Martha Christensen, 88**

**Feb. 10, 1903 — June 22, 1991**

**INDIANOLA** — Martha Kristina Christensen, daughter of Andrew and Anna (Rasmussen) Petersen was born Feb. 10, 1903, at Poplar. She was one of eight children in the family, and was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She attended Jackson #1 School, and also Dane Summer School in Poplar. She took her teacher's training in Cedar Falls, and as a young woman, taught rural school in Polk Twp. from 1923 to 1927.

Jan. 27, 1927, she married Hans H. Christensen at her parents home near Poplar. They were the parents of two children. After their marriage, they farmed near Jacksonville until 1977, when they retired and moved into Harlan. Shortly after the death of Hans, May 6, 1986, she moved to Indianola, to be near her daughter. She died at the Carlisle Care Center in Carlisle, June 22, 1991, at age 88 years, 4 months and 12 days. She was a 4-H member as a young girl, and was a lifetime member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Sophia and Sarah; and four brothers, Harry, Joseph, Mads, and Elmer. Surviving her is her daughter, Joanne (Ken) Peterson of Indianola; her son, Rodger Christensen of Anita; three grandchildren; one sister, Alice (Mrs Archie) Ward of Wall Lake, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 25, 1991, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with Pastor Gene V. Anderson of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Indianola, officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Lynn Cadwell, Mark Petersen, Gary L. Larsen, Richard Johnson, Paul E. Petersen, and Arlo M. Petersen, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.