

Betty K. Christensen, 75

June 3, 1923 - Sept. 30, 1998 ✓

KIMBALLTON - Betty Kathryn Christensen, daughter of Wenzel and Anna Beck Biederman, was born June 3, 1923, on her parents' farm near Minden. She was baptized in the Catholic faith in Minden. She attended rural schools near Walnut. She then worked for other families, helped pick corn on the family farm and then was employed as a waitress at the cafe in Kimballton.

March 3, 1945, she married Edward H. Christensen at the courthouse in Harlan. They helped operate the family farm and later purchased the farm from his brother, Ray. She worked at the locker in Elk Horn for a short time, worked at the Kimballton Cafe from 1979-1980, sorted corn for Wilsons in Harlan in the late 1980's, then retired and helped her family farm. She became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home July 1, 1998. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton. She died Sept. 30, 1998, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 75 years, three months and 27 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her brothers and sister, infant brother, Wenzel; Edith Harmsen and Edward Biederman. Survivors include her husband, Edward H. Christensen of Kimballton; her children, Carolyn (Wayne) Behrend of Manilla; Donna (Duane) Rathman of Lowell, AR and Brent Christensen of Elk Horn; her grandchildren, Debra (Gregory) Reed of Blair, NE; Wendy (Karl Scott) Kalbaugh of Mt. Vernon, MO; Tracy Poulson of Chicago, IL; Britt Poulson of Springdale, AR; her great grandchildren, Trey and Kyler Kalbaugh of Mt. Vernon; Michael and Aliasha Reed of Blair; her brothers and sisters, Gertrude Thies of Shelby; Hilda Iversen of Sioux City; Joe (Phyllis) Biederman of Logan; Robert (Jeanette) Biederman of Galva; Henry Biederman of Lake City; Donald (Beth) Biederman of Sioux City; Alda Price of Co. Bluffs and Phyllis Delph of Co. Bluffs; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Herman Harmsen of Harlan and Doreen Biederman of Co. Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, with Pastor Mary Lunde officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Casket bearers were Edwin Benson, Robert Bornholdt, Robert Harmsen, Karl Scott Kalbaugh, Eugene Monson and Gregory Reed. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.