

## Vita Christensen, 84

*May 17, 1920 - Oct. 18, 2004*

**KIMBALLTON** — Vita Leona Christensen, daughter of Kristian and Anine (Jensen) Kaltoft, was born May 17, 1920, in Kimballton. She attended her first 10 years of school in Kimballton and then graduated in 1938 from Audubon High School where she was elected senior class queen. Following her graduation, she attended two years at Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls. She taught for seven years, first in Sharon #4 Rural School and then in Elk Horn Elementary School.

Oct. 10, 1947, Vita married Paul Christensen at Immanuel Lutheran Church. They made their home on the Christensen family farm just southeast of Kimballton. She and her husband operated a drapery business out of their home for over 20 years. She was an accomplished seamstress, making her own wedding dress and clothes for her children and grandchildren, and creating and collecting dolls. She was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she was active in the Ladies Aid, Quilting for Missions, sang in choir and taught Sunday School. When her health began to fail, she became a resident of Salem Lutheran Home April 24, 2002. She died there Oct. 18, 2004, at age 84 years, five months and one day.

Preceding Vita in death were her parents; daughter-in-law, Carol Christensen; brother, LaVerne Kaltoft; sisters-in-law, Helen Jo Kaltoft and Edna Mae Christensen; and brother-in-law, Alfred Christensen. She is survived by her husband, Paul Christensen of Elk Horn; three children, Steve Christensen of Elk Horn; Karl Christensen (Earlene) of Elk Horn; and Karen (Dean) Weddum of Hiawatha, KS; six grandchildren, Mathew Christensen (Kristi), Lisa Christensen, Krystal Christensen, Kayla Christensen, Nathan Weddum and Kaitlin Weddum; two great-grandchildren, Hailee and Jerra Christensen; brother, Leland Kaltoft of Kimballton; two sisters, Kaja (Howard) Juel and Oda Christensen, both of Kimballton; sister-in-law, Martha Kaltoft of Kimballton; Paul's siblings, Ingrid (Ove) Heilskov of Hampton; Blanche (Allan) Jacobsen of Audubon and Arild Christensen of Iowa City; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 21, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, with Pastor Kevin Nelson and Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Casket bearers were Mathew and Kristi Christensen, Lisa Christensen, Krystal Christensen, Kayla Christensen, Nathan Weddum and Kaitlin Weddum. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.