

Elaine Christoffersen, 87

March 12, 1924 - April 14, 2011

KIMBALLTON — Elaine Ione, daughter of Peter J. and Alvina V. (Henriksen) Greve, was born March 12, 1924, at home on the farm in Shelby County. She attended school in rural Jackson and Monroe Townships. Elaine worked as a hired girl prior to her marriage.

October 3, 1946, Elaine was united in marriage with Kenneth R. Christoffersen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Three children were born to this union. The couple raised their children on the Christoffersen family farm. Elaine was a busy mother and farm wife. In 1983 they moved to Kimballton when Kenny retired from full-time farming. Elaine and Kenny traveled to many REC national conventions. Elaine was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and volunteered in many capacities at church, including quilt making. She was a past member of The J.O. Club. Elaine avidly followed the local high school sports teams. After Kenny died in 1999, Elaine lived in their home in Kimballton until she was hospitalized three weeks before her death. Elaine died at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the age of 87 years, 1 month and two days.

Elaine is preceded in death by her parents; husband Kenny Christoffersen; sister Dorothy Hoogensen (Victor); and brothers Elliot Greve and wife Elaine Greve Hoffman; Everett Greve and wives Mabel and Virginia; and Harvey Greve. She is survived by her children: Rita Hanson (Gary) of Lee's Summit, MO; Don Christoffersen (Jill) of Kimballton; and LuAnn Meyers (Joe) of Fitchburg, WI; grandchildren Katie and Travis Christoffersen; sisters-in-law Doris Greve of Elk Horn and Ardyth Christoffersen of Greenfield; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 18, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with Rev. Ron Rasmussen celebrating. Music was "I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry", "Our Father Has Light In His Window", and "Thine Is the Glory" by the congregation with Peggy Doonan, organist, and "Amazing Grace" with Travis Christoffersen, vocalist, and Katie Christoffersen, accompanist. Casket bearers were Karl Greve, Ken Hoogensen, Randy Christoffersen, Lee Greve, Lonnie Christoffersen, and Gerry Greve. Interment was in the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Jacksonville.



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