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## **Hilda Margery Durham, 76**

**May 20, 1915 — April 14, 1992**

**ELK HORN** — Hilda Margery Durham was born May 20, 1915 in Elk Horn to Knud and Anna (Leistad) Nelson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She graduated from the Elk Horn High School and attended summer school for teachers training and taught a rural school one year in Iowa. She also taught later in CA.

She married Russell Durham Dec. 1, 1933 at Parker, S.D. They made their home in Elk Horn and Joliet, IL. In 1945, they moved to CA. They established a Boy's Oasis at Hinkley, CA., in 1961, which continued to operate until 1979. They moved back to Elk Horn in 1983. She entered the Salem Lutheran Homes of Elk Horn in July of 1983, where she has been a resident since that time. She died April 14, 1992 at the Salem Nursing Home.

Preceding her in death were her parents and one son, Terry Durham. She is survived by her husband, Russell of Elk Horn; 3 daughters, Donna (Jack) Roberts and Sandra (Ray) Reisz, all of Los Angeles, CA.; Janet (Merle) Huffman of Medford, OR.; one son, Ned Durham, also of Medford; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sylvia (Hans) Andersen of Elk Horn and Edna (Edward) Ackerman of Atlantic.

A Memorial service was held April 20, 1992 in the Hansen Chapel at the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn with Pastor Stephen Gronseth, officiating.