

## Sarah Faaborg, 100

*Nov. 2, 1898 – April 28, 1999*

**COLORADO SPRINGS, CO** – Sarah Petersen Faaborg was born Nov. 2, 1898, in Shelby County, the youngest of 12 children. Her father, Eske Lauge Petersen, was born in Jylland, Denmark April 29, 1845, and died Feb. 14, 1920. Her mother, Karen Marie Nissen Petersen, was also born in Denmark Feb. 12, 1853, and died May 26, 1934. She completed eighth grade in Jacksonville. Before marriage she worked part-time as a telephone operator in Jacksonville.

Feb. 8, 1920, she married Semon Sorenson Faaborg. They were married in the Petersen family home in Jacksonville. After her marriage she helped with the farm work and the caring of her family. They were the parents of one daughter and three sons, Virginia Imogene born Dec. 20, 1920, died Dec. 2, 1983; Lyle Eugene born Nov. 11, 1924; Gerald Kenneth born Sept. 29, 1934, and Darwin Lee born Nov. 17, 1936. The first year of marriage they farmed just east of Jacksonville. In 1921 they moved to a farm three miles north of Kimballton. In 1924 they moved to the Soren S. Faaborg farm southeast of Kimballton. In 1934 they bought their first farm of 120 acres which was east of Elk Horn. It was later increased to 200 acres. In 1944 they purchased the White Café in Elk Horn. They bought a house across from the Elk Horn Lutheran Church of which they were members. In 1947 they moved to Des Moines where they purchased an apartment complex on Grand Avenue. They sold this in 1951 and moved to the "Old Governor Wilson" home at 4220 Grand Avenue. They sold this property in 1965 and bought a new home at 2031 N.W. 81st Street in Clive. Feb. 8, 1970, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Clive. They were members of St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Urbandale. Semon died July 21, 1978. Sarah lived in their Clive home until October 1997, when she moved to Colorado Springs, CO. She has since been living there in the Cheyenne Mountain Nursing Home. She died April 28, 1999, at age 100 years.

In addition to her sons, Lyle Faaborg of Atlantic; Gerald Faaborg of Joplin, MO; Darwin Faaborg of Colorado Springs, CO, she is survived by 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

Funeral services were held May 1, 1999, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Urbandale. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery.