

Laura Hansen, 83

July 21, 1911 - Mar. 24, 1995

Irwin - Laura E. Hansen, daughter of Jens C. and Katy (Petersen) Hansen was born July 21, 1911 on a farm southeast of Irwin. She attended Polk No. 2 country school and grew to adulthood on her parents farm. After her school days were over, she remained at home to care for her mother and help on the family farm. She enjoyed working outdoors and even won a Corn Husking Championship. She had been a member of the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church, and presently attended the Elk Horn Baptist Church in Elk Horn. She was a member of the Irwin Kitchen Band and had a love for music and dancing, having received several Arthur Murray Dance trophies. Jan. 20, 1995 she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk horn, and it was there that she died March 24, 1995 at age 83 years, eight months and three days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, an infant sister Victoria Hansen, George and Lewis Hansen, Victoria Marks, Sophia Petersen and Nels Hansen. She is survived by her sister, Mabel Carlson of Audubon; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 29, 1995 at the Elk Horn Baptist Church in Elk Horn with Rev. Don Hoover officiating. Burial was in Merrill's Grove cemetery with Ray Ferry, Marvin Barratt, Dale Clemons, Archie Petersen and Leo H. Kragelund honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Rod Larsen, Kenneth P. Thompson, Norman Nissen, Eugene Larsen, Merle H. Petersen and Terry McDowell. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.