

Leona D. Henningsen, 91

Oct. 30, 1903 - Oct. 12, 1995

Elk Horn - Leona D. Henningsen was born Oct. 30, 1903 to Soren and Sophia Nielsen Christensen in Shelby County. She died Oct. 12, 1995 at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn at age 91 years, 11 months and 12 days. She was baptized in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and was still a member there.

May 8, 1925 she married Anton Henningsen. To this union two children were born, Jacqueline and Toby. They farmed in Clay and Jackson Townships until moving to Elk Horn in 1954. She entered the Salem Lutheran Homes in July of 1991. She was a nurse and had attended nursing school in Atlantic. She had worked several years in surgery at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan and as a nurse for the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn and retired in 1977. In 1973 she helped organize the Senior Citizen Center in Elk Horn and was voted in as the first president.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters; four brothers and one son-in-law, Raynold. She is survived by her daughter, Jacqueline Jensen of Harlan; a son, Toby Henningsen (Beverly) of Atlantic; 6 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; sister-in-law, Martha (Einer) Christensen of Guthrie Center and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 14, 1995 at the Salem Lutheran Home Hansen Chapel, Elk Horn with Rev. Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Scott Jensen, Jamie Henningsen, Gerry Henningsen, Michael Jensen, Randy Henningsen and Gary Magnuson. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.