

Doris Hansen, 80 ✓

Feb. 2, 1924 - April 17, 2004

ELK HORN – Doris Ione, daughter of Wilhelm and Florence (Nelson) Petersen, was born Feb. 2, 1924, on a farm in Shelby County. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She attended rural school at Jackson and Polk Township Schools in Shelby County. After completing her education, she worked at a restaurant in Kimballton.

Doris married Howard Hansen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, March 20, 1946. Four children were born to this union. They farmed his home place southeast of Elk Horn until 1974, when they moved into Elk Horn. Doris was primarily a homemaker, raising their children in the early years of their marriage and later worked for numerous years at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn. She was a member of the Danish Mill Corporation and Danish Brotherhood volunteering many hours at the Danish American Museum. Doris became a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church after her marriage to Howard. After several years of fighting cancer, Doris became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes in 2001, where she died April 17, 2004, at age 80 years, two months and 15 days.

Preceding Doris in death are her parents; husband, Howard Hansen in 2001; son, Alan Hansen; and brother, Lester Petersen. She is survived by one daughter, Donna (Doug) Archer of Pleasant Hill; two sons, Eddy Hansen (Connie) of Orient; and Steve Hansen (Debby) of Davenport; nine grandchildren, Jon, Jason and Andrew Archer; Heather and David Hansen; Jenny (Scott) Helm; and Jena Hansen; Stacy (Andy) Bramstedt and Holly Stewart; three great grandchildren, Jesyka and Savanna Bramstedt and Alexis Stewart; brother, Ernie Petersen of Kimballton; sister, LaVern Klindt of Harlan; brother-in-law, Harvey Hansen (Priscilla) of Atlantic; sisters-in-law, Helen Hansen of Atlantic; and Virginia Petersen of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 21, 2004, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Gary Klindt and Graig Petersen. Casket bearers were Jon Archer, David Hansen, Jason Archer, Dean Petersen, Andrew Archer and Denny Petersen. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.