

Emma Kirk Hansen, 94

Oct. 25, 1902 - June 12, 1997 ✓

ELK HORN - Emma Kirk Hansen was born in rural Elk Horn, Oct. 25, 1902, daughter of Peter and Kristine (Christensen) Kirk. Her father was involved in various business enterprises in Kimballton. She died June 12, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, at age 94. She was baptized and confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, and had been a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church for many years.

Sept. 5, 1922, she married Alfred Hansen in Audubon. Four children were born to this union, Paul, Joe, Ken and Kirk. Emma and Alfred were lifelong residents of the Elk Horn-Kimballton communities. She was a homemaker but had worked for a number of years at the Hans Petersen and Company. Emma was well known for her baking and cooking skills. She often shared her piano playing with her family and others. She was a creative person with many talents including arts and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alfred, who was a newspaper man for 70 years; son, Kirk, and eleven brothers and sisters. She is survived by her three sons, Paul Hansen (Joyce) of Elk Horn; Joe Hansen (Rose Jean) of Des Moines and Ken Hansen (Jill) of Omaha; daughter-in-law, Alice Hansen of Mesa, AZ; 17 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 14, 1997, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Rev. Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Tom Potts, Jim Hansen, Ben Hansen, Mark Hansen, Earl Fries, Hugh Hansen, Mike Hansen, Randal Hansen and Jim Ballantyne. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.