

Emma Hansen, 92 ✓

April 18, 1913 - March 2, 2006

AUDUBON — Emma Emile Hansen, daughter of Nels and Katrina (Holm) Rattenborg, was born April 18, 1913, at her parents' home east of Hamlin. She was baptized and confirmed at the Hamlin Lutheran Church. She attended school in Hamlin, then helped on the family farm. In April of 1922 the family moved to Standard, Alberta Canada, where they owned and operated a farm for a short time then returned to Hamlin in October of 1922.

April 25, 1931, Emma married Clifford E. Hansen at the Hamlin Lutheran Church. They operated several farms in the Audubon County area before purchasing a farm east of Hamlin. They operated their farm until they retired from farming in the mid 1970's. Clifford sheared sheep until he died Feb. 27, 1980. She lived on the farm until she moved into Audubon in November of 1980. In 1999, Emma moved to the Friendship Home then moved to the Friendship Home Village Aug. 4, 2001. She was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon and was a member of the Women of the ELCA. She was a charter member of the Priscilla Guild in Hamlin. She died at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 92 years, 10 months and 12 days.

Preceding Emma in death in addition to her husband were her son, Dalton Hansen; her grandchildren, Corrie Mortensen and Richard Nelsen; her great-grandchildren, Katherine Nelsen and William Nelsen; her daughter-in-law, Cathryn Hansen; her parents; her brothers and sisters, Christine Hansen, Soren Rattenborg, Anna (Bertelsen) Hansen, Marie (Gude) Lanigan, Agnes (Christensen) Coates, Ella Rasmussen, Willads Rattenborg, Otto Rattenborg and Herbert Rattenborg. Survivors include her children, Lowene (Lloyd) Nelson of Exira; Roland (Peggy) Hansen of Elk Horn; Betsy (Tom) Nelsen of Hamlin; Mardelle (Duanne) Mortensen of Altoona; 15 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Freda Alwill of Audubon; her sister-in-law, Sylvia Rattenborg of Hamlin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steven Frock March 6, 2006, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were granddaughters, Lorrie Davis, Connie McPherson, Pattie Frohlich, Colleen Riesgaard, Keli Hansen, Hollie Mills and Jill Villalobos. Casket bearers were grandsons, Corley Hansen, Bruce D. Nelson, Roger A. Nelson, Kurt Nelson, Steven Hansen, Tyler Hansen, Randy Nelsen, Todd Nelsen and Kevin Mortensen. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.