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Fire fatal to Kimballton woman

KIMBALLTON -- A 73-year-old Kimballton woman died from injuries suffered in a fire at her home Monday morning, Jan. 4.

Norma Hansen sustained second and third-degree burns over 80-100 percent of her body after her clothing apparently caught fire while cooking, officials said.

Mike Mortensen, Kimballton Fire Chief, said the department was called to the Hansen home, 301 W. 2nd St., at about 10 a.m. Monday.

"Home Health Care had checked on her and they called 911" after discovering the fire, Mortensen said. "(She) had been cooking on a toaster oven, and she had her nightgown on.

"We think her sleeve caught on fire."

Kimballton Fire was first on the scene, and firemen Eric Juelsgaard and Brad Madsen found Hansen and took her to a neighbor's home.

Elk Horn Rescue also was dispatched and treated Hansen until meeting up with Medivac Ambulance/Res-

cue on the way to Myrtue Memorial Hospital.

Hansen was transported from Myrtue by medical helicopter to Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, where she later died.

The home sustained minimal smoke damage, said Mortensen, and some minor damage in the kitchen area.

Services for Hansen are pending at Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton.