

Karen Helene Nelson Jensen, 83

Feb. 16, 1911 - April 18, 1994

Elk Horn - Karen Helene Nelson Jensen, daughter of Nels Johan Julius and Anna Christina Bondo Nelson, was born Feb. 16, 1911 at her parents home near Neola. She died April 18, 1994 at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn at age 83 years, 2 months and 2 days. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a country church in Boomer Township, Neola. She attended Boomer Township country school and had cared for each of her parents while they were of ill health. She worked in Rochester, NY, at the home for the aged, at Crowell Home in Blair, NE at Immanuel Lutheran Hospital and Immanuel Invalid Home where she got her Licensed Practical Nurse Degree. Helene completed her High School Equivalency Certificate in 1965 and then worked at the Elk Horn Salem Lutheran Homes until retiring.

Oct. 28, 1960 she married Arthur Jensen at the Little Brown Church in the Vale. They lived near Kimballton and later moved to Elk Horn. She was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, served on the altar guild, was a choir member, and took part in the Ladies Church group. She enjoyed Bible Study group, Literary Club, and the Friendly Neighbor club. Also, she had volunteered to help at the American Red Cross Bloodmobile and enjoyed area church suppers with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law; her husband, Arthur Jensen; grandson, Toni Lauritsen, brothers, Harold Nelson and Everett Nelson; sister-in-law, Evelyn Nelson; niece, Lori Meyer; sisters-in-law, Carrie Andersen and Esther Jensen; and brothers-in-law, Pete Jensen and William Jensen. She is survived by her daughter, Sylvia Lauritsen (Don) of Exira; son, Larry Jensen (Carol) of Omaha; 9 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Emily Nelson of Kent, WA, Elna Andersen (Frank) and Evelyn Jensen all of Elk Horn; brothers-in-law, Arnold Jensen (Beulah) of Elk Horn and Roy Andersen of Harlan; nephews and nieces and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 21, 1994 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams and Pastor Eric Spake officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn cemetery. Casket bearers were: Kevin Jensen, Scott Lauritsen, Steven Lauritsen, Andrew Jensen, Dean Lauritsen, Daren Lauritsen and Christopher Jensen. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.