

Beulah Johnson, 93

March 22, 1910 - Dec. 8, 2003

ELK HORN – Beulah Anna, daughter of Lewis and Minnie (Carlsen) Larsen, was born March 22, 1910, at their farm home one and a half miles south of Elk Horn. She attended Elk Horn Community Schools and graduated from high school in 1928.

Sept. 22, 1928, Beulah married Harvey W. Johnson at the Elk Horn Lutheran parsonage with Rev. C. M. Vidabeck officiating. Two sons were born to this union, Keith W. in 1931 and Lynn W. in 1936. They farmed two and a half miles south of Elk Horn until the spring of 1932, when they moved to a farm two miles east and a half mile south of Elk Horn. Beulah was her husband's secretary at the Iowa State House in Des Moines when Harvey was in the legislature and was a member of the Legislative Ladies League for 25 years. When the Audubon County Historical Society was organized, she was vice-president and a lifetime member. Beulah was also a lifetime member of the Danish Windmill and a member of the Danish Immigrant Museum. Over the years she was active in Audubon County Farm Bureau women's projects and volunteered helping with the flowers at the Danish Windmill for 16 years. The Bedstemor's House also benefited from her volunteer efforts. A past member of the Nishna Valley China Painting Club, Beulah created many beautiful pieces for family and friends. She was a member of the Iowa Conference at Seventh Day Adventists. Beulah and Harvey moved into Elk Horn in 1971. Harvey died Nov. 13, 1976. Beulah remained in her home until January of 2002, when she became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn. She died there Dec. 8, 2003, at age 93 years, eight months and 16 days.

Besides her parents and husband, Beulah was preceded in death by her son, Keith Johnson; three infant grandchildren; sisters, Daisy and husband, Jorgan Petersen, and Lucile and husband, Lloyd Bauer; brother, Harvey Larsen; and son-in-law, Andy Andersen. Beulah is survived by her son, Lynn (Connie) Johnson of rural Elk Horn; daughter-in-law, Annette Andersen of Kimballton; six grandchildren, Susan (Jeff) Edwards of Vinton; Linette (Randy) Hadley of Des Moines; Kurt W. Johnson (Barbara) of rural Audubon; Kris W. Johnson (Michelle) of Washington, IL; Alissa (Jody) LaCanne of Menominee, MI; and Nicholas W. Johnson of Houston, TX; 11 great grandchildren; brother-in-law, Clifford Johnson of Council Bluffs; sister-in-law, Anna Larsen of the Extra Care Center; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 12, 2003, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Mike Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jeff Edwards, Kurt Johnson, Randy Hadley, Matt Edwards, Kris Johnson, Jody LaCanne and Nicholas Johnson. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.