

Marie E. Knudsen, 93

March 22, 1903 - Dec. 14, 1996

KIMBALLTON - Marie Eline Christensen Knudsen was born March 22, 1903, to Thomas and Anna (Christensen) Christensen on a farm three miles west of Elk Horn, Clay Township. She died Dec. 14, 1996, at her home in Kimballton, at the age of 93 years, eight months and 22 days. She was raised on the family farm and attended country school at Clay No. 2 through eighth grade and graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1922. She was the first class to attend all four years in the new school. After graduation she worked in several homes as a hired girl.

March 28, 1927, she married George Knudsen at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. To this union three children were born, Emmert Christian in 1929, Alice Marianne in 1931 and Elaine in 1942. They made their home on a farm two miles west of Jacksonville until moving to Kimballton March 3, 1964. He died July of 1964 and she continued to live there. She was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, but had been a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville for many years. She was a charter member of the Tuesday Chatter Club in Jacksonville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Elaine, who died in infancy, and a brother, Chris L. Christensen. She is survived by her son, Emmert Christian Knudsen (Fern) of Harlan; her daughter, Alice Marianne Pieper (Harold) of Kimballton; five grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; one sister, Elna Larsen of Elk Horn, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 18, 1996, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, with Pastor Mary Lunde officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Township Cemetery. Casket bearers were Lyle Becnel, Kevin Pieper, Rich Williams, David Larsen, Lyle Knudsen and Thomas Christensen. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.