

Erna Marie Klever, 84 ✓

Feb. 18, 1912 - Jan. 22, 1997

KIMBALLTON - Erna Marie Klever, daughter of Jorgen Fred and Petrea (Christensen) Bonnesen, was born Feb. 18, 1912, in Kimballton. She attended country school near Kimballton, and graduated from the Elk Horn High School in 1931. During the winter of 1931, she attended one term at Grandview College in Des Moines. She then returned to Kimballton, where she taught Sunday School at Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she was a lifelong member. She served as a 4-H leader, taught piano lessons and was a member of the Neighborhood Club.

May 6, 1932, she married Thorvald Strandskov in Kimballton. The couple farmed one mile east and 1/4 mile south of Kimballton. She worked at the Elk Horn Produce, and at the Salem Lutheran Home. Thorvald became ill, and died March 19, 1960. She, with her family's help, then ran the Greenhouse and Flower Shop in Kimballton.

Feb. 9, 1977, she married Clarence Klever. The couple retired to Audubon and later were residents of the Friendship Home. He died May 19, 1993. In Dec. 1993, she moved to the Baptist Memorial Home. She died Jan. 22, 1997, at the Baptist Memorial Home at age 84 years, 11 months and four days.

Preceding Erna in death were her parents; her first husband, Thorvald Strandskov; her second husband, Clarence Klever; one son, Arnold Lee Strandskov; one daughter, Gertrude Hitsman; one brother, Folmer Bonnesen; one son-in-law, Dean Hitsman and two infant grandchildren. Survivors include four daughters, Hertha (John) Haas; Irma (Marvin "Butch") Pedersen and Karma (George F.) Petersen all of Harlan and Barbara (Elbert "Sonny") Bargo of Nashville, TN; two stepsons, Howard (Donna) Klever of Portland, OR and Robert (Judy) Klever of Guthrie Center; two stepdaughters, Leoris Deardorff and Joan (Dale) Andersen all of Gothenburg, NE; one brother, Carl (Elsie) Bonnesen of Elk Horn; one sister-in-law, Martha Bonnesen of Elk Horn; 15 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 25, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, with Rev. Jean Morse officiating. Casket bearers were Jerry Haas, Brett Petersen, Darrin Petersen, Lee Pedersen, Kevin Hitsman, Melvin Hitsman and Chad Bargo. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.