

Zona R. Larsen, 80

Feb. 15, 1915-Dec. 23, 1995

JACKSONVILLE - Zona Ruby Larsen, daughter of Chris Carl (C.C.) and Sena Christensen Nelson was born Feb. 15, 1915 in Sharon Township, Audubon County. She was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn. She attended Sharon No. 9 grade school and graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1932.

Feb. 25, 1933 she married George T. Larsen at Shenandoah with Rev. Pierson of the Shenandoah radio station officiating. To this union one son was born. They farmed in the Audubon area for eight years before moving to a farm in Jackson Township west of Kimballton. They bought the Larsen farm in Polk Township in 1943. They were partners in their farming operation with Zona working at George's side. In 1964 they moved to Jacksonville. She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church women. She painted and papered for several years with Grace Petersen, quitting in 1981. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1983. She died Dec. 23, 1995 at Myrtle Memorial Hospital at age 80 years, 10 months and eight days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband George, May 10, 1991; a granddaughter Lanette in 1971; her brothers - Carl Nelson, James Nelson and Otis Nelson; and one sister Verda Madsen. Survivors include her son Leroy (Phyllis) Larsen of Harlan, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, sister-in-law Vernie Larsen of Los Angeles, CA, brother-in-law Sparky Larsen of Harlan and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with Pastor Mary Ann Lunde officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville with Victor Nelsen, Charles Saltmarsh, James L. Jensen, Otto Andersen, Ted Molgaard and Vernon R. Petersen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Otis Madsen, Randal Rasmussen, Dwayne Larsen, Ralph L. Jorgensen, Gary E. Lebeck, Donald Madsen, Dan Knudsen and Alyn Bartelson. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.