

Lena Lauritsen, 89

Jan. 19, 1903 — Jan. 12, 1993

AUDUBON — Lena Lauritsen, daughter of Eric and Sidsel Marie Madsen Jorgensen, was born Jan. 19, 1903 in Audubon county, and died Jan. 12, 1993 at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 89 years, 11 months, and 23 days. She was baptized March 22, 1903 and confirmed April 11, 1920 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. She attended rural schools in Audubon county, then did housekeeping for several families.

March 5, 1924 she married Benjamin A. Lauritsen at Audubon. They farmed in Sharon, Cameron and Greeley twps. in Audubon county until they retired. Benjamin died March 17, 1971. She moved into Audubon in May of 1972 and maintained her home until she became a resident of the Friendship Home in December of 1990. She was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon and was active in the Women's Circle. She was also a member of the Sunshine Helpers Club.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband was her son, Emmert Lauritsen May 23, 1971; her parents; her brother, Hans Peter Jorgensen; and her sister, Anna Lauritsen. Survivors include her children and their spouses: Norma Pennel of Petersburg, WV.; Virgil (Doris) Lauritsen of Sac City; Edward (Elaine) Lauritsen of Audubon; Raymond (Dorothy) Lauritsen of Ft. Wayne, IN.; Dale (Donna Rae) Lauritsen of Webster City; Earl (Ella) Lauritsen of Exira; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; her sister, Hannah Hansen of Audubon; her brother, George (Irene) Jorgensen of Audubon; a cousin raised by Lena's parents, Avira Wiemann of Manning; her brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Victor (Margaret) Lauritsen of MI.; Dagny Lauritsen of Audubon; Anna Lauritsen of Atlantic; Grace Reynolds of Lawton, OK.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Carl Hansen Jan. 15, 1993 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. Burial was in the Arlington Heights cemetery in Audubon. The casketbearers were grandsons, Daniel Pennel, Craig Lauritsen, Kirk Lauritsen, Timothy Lauritsen, Brian Lauritsen, Bruce Lauritsen, Jeffery Lauritsen, Joseph Lauritsen, Terry Lauritsen, Gary Lauritsen, Dana Lauritsen, Randal Lauritsen, and Michael Lauritsen. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon in charge of arrangements.