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## Minna Larsen - 95

Aug. 18, 1902 - May 17, 1998

**ELK HORN** - Minna Larsen was born Aug. 18, 1902 in Gravens, Jutland, Denmark, to Anders and Elsie Rasmussen. Her father, Anders died in 1913. After which her mother with four young children decided to join three older sisters already in the United States. The oldest brother who resided in the United States was to return to Denmark to care for her father's butcher shop. On arrival in Audubon, Minna made her home with her sister Hannah and her husband "Pete" Christensen.

She married Lewis C. Larsen at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Audubon Feb. 22, 1922. They moved to a farm near Fiscus in Douglas Township, Audubon County. After over 20 years they moved to Melville Township and later to Viola where they stayed until their retirement when they purchased a home in Elk Horn. After Lewis' death in 1969 she lived alone until her health failed and she moved to nursing homes in Elk Horn and Exira. During her life she received many honors including "Homemaker of the Year" as awarded by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee. She worked as an aide in the Salem Homes for many years before retirement. She was involved with church activities, the literary club and with Farm Bureau women. She was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and many organizations as well as being a long time Farm Bureau member. She died May 17, 1998 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital at age 95 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brothers: Wilhelm and John Rasmussen; and sisters: Hannah, Ellen, Margaret, Anna and Alma. She is survived by six children and spouses: Dr. Lawrence (Jane) Larsen of Harlan, Neoma (Emmert) Steen of Elk Horn, Dr. Arnold (Dorothy Ann) Larsen of Ft. Collins, CO, Anna (Dr. Richard) Berge of Aurelia, Rev. Dr. Peter (Inetta) Larsen of Exira; and Dr. Philip (Sandra) Larsen of Arden Hills, MN; 22 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; one great great grandson and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 20, 1998 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Casket bearers were: Alan Steen, Greg Larsen, Roger Larsen, Hans Larsen, David Larsen, Steven Berge. Escort to the gravesite, Mr. Karl Brown. Steen Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.

