

Verda H. Madsen, 74

ELK HORN — Verda H. Madsen was born April 4, 1913 in Audubon county, the daughter of C.C. and Nelsena (Christensen) Nelson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn, where she was a lifetime member. She attended country school in Sharon No. 9 and graduated from Elk Horn High School. She attended Normal Training in Shenandoah and taught school one year (1931) in Oakfield.

June 22, 1932, she married Melvin Madsen. They farmed five years north of Jacksonville. He was also in the trucking business for several years. During their married life they have farmed either in Audubon or Shelby counties. For 33 years, they lived on the C.C. Nelson home place, north and west of Elk Horn where she was born. She died Nov. 7, 1987 in the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn where they both have been since Feb. of this year.

She is survived by her husband of the Salem Home; two sons, Donald and Otis of Kimballton; four grandchildren and one sister, Zona Larsen of Harlan. Preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers, Carl, James and Otis Nelson.

Funeral services were Nov. 10, 1987 in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Elk Horn with Pastor LeVern Nielsen, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Casket bearers were Richard Nelson, George Mortensen, Wm. D. Hansen, Cleo Hawthorne, Burton Esbeck and Howard Sorensen. Kalltoft Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.