

Anna Nelson, 97

Dec. 29, 1893 — Dec. 23, 1991

ELK HORN — Anna Nelson was born Dec. 29, 1893 in Elk Horn. Her parents were John and Maren (Jensen) Leistad. She was baptized in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton and was confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, where she was currently a member. She attended school in Elk Horn.

She married Knud C. Nelson April 21, 1912 in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday school for many years. She also worked at the Salem Homes for 12 years. They farmed in Shelby county until retiring in 1959 when they moved to Elk Horn. They moved to the Salem Retirement Home in 1974. Knud died in 1976. She went to the Nursing Home in 1978 where she died Dec. 23, 1991.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two grandsons: Terry Reisz and Kenneth Ackerman; one great-grandson, Jeffrey Andersen; three brothers, William, Alfred, and Norman; and two sisters: Olga Pedersen and Edna Crouse. She is survived by three daughters: Sylvia (Mrs Hans) Andersen, Hilda (Mrs Russell) Durham, both of Elk Horn and Edna (Mrs Edward) Ackerman of Atlantic; 10 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dagny (Mrs Elmer) Gude and Elsie (Mrs Carl) Bonnesen, both of Elk Horn and Agnes Evans of Palo Alto, CA.; three sisters-in-law, Grace and Arlene Leistad, both of Elk Horn and Nora Nelson of Clarinda; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 1991 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Casketbearers were John Leistad, Ronald Leistad, Arpold Gude, Jerry Gude, LeRoy Pedersen and LuVerne Petersen.