

Viola Nelson, 88

May 8, 1911 - July 7, 1999

KIMBALLTON - Viola Cynthia, daughter of Peter and Nellie Sornson Kragelund, was born May 8, 1911, at Brayton. She graduated from Exira High School in 1929 and attended extension courses at Drake University. After her schooling she taught rural school at Oakfield, Sharon and Douglas.

Aug. 23, 1944, she married Clarence W. Nelson at the Elk Horn Baptist Church. They made their home on a farm on the edge of Kimballton. She then taught school in Kimballton for 17 1/2 years and then 3 years at Elk Horn completing a 35-year teaching career. He died Nov. 20, 1988. She was a member of the Elk Horn Baptist Church since 1924. She was active in several organizations within the church and taught Sunday School for 67 years. She was chairman of the Literary Club and was a member of the Heritage Society and the Progressive Danes. She also ran Viola's Hillcrest Variety Store in the basement of her home. Following open heart surgery in March of 1999, her health began to fail and July 7, 1999, she died at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 88 years, one month and 30 days.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Axel Nielsen, and a niece, Tanya Irlmeier. She is survived by her children, Terry Nelson (Marcia) of Kimballton; Darrell Nelson (Michelle) of Toledo; Roxanne (Delwin) Carlson of Lyons, NE; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; a sister, Vera Nielsen of Irwin; a brother, Leo Kragelund (Ethel) of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 10, 1999, at the Elk Horn Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Marcum officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Kimballton. Casket bearers were all of her grandchildren. Ohde's Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.