

## **Herdis Nielsen, 94**

*Nov. 10, 1907 - Sept. 18, 2002*

**KIMBALLTON** – Herdis Johanne, daughter of Andreas Emil and Anine Marie Christensen Frandsen, was born Nov. 10, 1907, at Dybvad, Denmark. When Herdis was three months old her mother died, and her mother's parents raised her. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church in Vraa, Denmark, where she grew up and attended school. Following her schooling, she became a special nurse of children in a home for children. Herdis came to America July 12, 1948, to visit relatives in Avoca.

Dec. 16, 1948, Herdis married Viggo Nielsen in Denison. They farmed near Kimballton for several years before retiring in 1974. In the spring of 1976 they moved into Kimballton. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, a reading club, and a country neighborhood women's club. Herdis read books and worked crossword puzzles to help her learn the English language. She never forgot her Danish heritage and continued to read Danish books, newspapers and magazines. After Viggo died Dec. 25, 2000, she was able to remain in her home. She suffered a stroke in August of 2002, and Sept. 18, 2002, she died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 94 years.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a half brother, Holger Frandsen. She is survived by two half sisters, Anny Hansen and Ruth Brincker of Denmark; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, with Rev. John Swenson and Rev. Clayton Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Carl Nielsen, Don Haas, Don Madsen, Ansgar Jensen, Norman Nelsen and Melvin Nelsen. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.