

Martha Rasmussen, 93

Aug. 15, 1910 - Jan. 12, 2004

KIMBALLTON – Martha, daughter of Jens Christian and Johanne (Hansen) Jensen, was born Aug. 15, 1910, in Audubon County. She grew up on the family farm southeast of Kimballton and attended country school at Sharon Township #8 and the Kimballton High School.

Jan. 10, 1929, Martha married Henning Rasmussen at Bethany Lutheran Church. Five children were born to this union. Martha and Henning made their home in Kimballton where Henning worked for the town and Martha was a housewife and mother. After Henning died Oct. 19, 1979, Martha was able to remain on her own until July of 2003 when she moved to the Greenfield Manor in Greenfield. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid. She was also an active member of the Progressive Danes, Community Heritage Society, Kimballton Library Club and several bridge clubs. She worked in the Mermaid Gift Shop many years. She died Jan. 12, 2004, at the Greenfield Manor at age 93 years, four months and 28 days.

Besides her parents and husband, Martha was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters, Dagmar Faaborg, John Jensen, Sophie Jensen, Esther Jacobsen, Harold Jensen, Karen Christensen, Richard Jensen, Thorvald Jensen, Hartvig Jensen and Carl Jensen; and by a son-in-law, Pete Testroet. She is survived by her children, Clark Rasmussen (Joanne) of West Des Moines; Jeannette (Eivind) Lillehoj of Kimballton; Barbara (Bill) Bjorn of Creston; Carol (John) Westwick of Indianapolis, IN; Laura Testroet of Key Colony, FL; 20 grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren; eight great great grandchildren; sister, Agnes Mobley of Shenandoah; three sisters-in-law, Opal Osterlag of Forsyth, MO; Signe Jensen of Kansas City, MO; Fanny Rasmussen of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 15, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor John Swenson officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Greg Rasmussen, Dan Rasmussen, John Rasmussen, Matt Rasmussen, Amy Thorne, Lori Becker, Susan Bradley, Rick Westwick, Kevin Westwick, Tami Schmidt, Cindy Melvin, Tom Testroet, Catherine Lillehoj, Eric Lillehoj, Elizabeth Lillehoj, Christine Trettin, Paul Bjorn, Emily Miller, Bruce Bjorn and Aaron Bjorn, Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.