

Elsie Marie Kjer, 97

Elsie Marie Kjer, daughter of Anna Maria and Christian Hansen, was born Aug. 2, 1884 in Aalborg, Denmark. As a child, she was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. At the age of 16, she came to this country and settled in Audubon.

On Oct. 6, 1902, she married Peter A. Kjer in Audubon. Eleven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Fiscus, where Mr Kjer worked as a blacksmith. In 1914, they moved to Irwin, and this was their home until 1940 when they moved to Harlan. In 1943, they Kjer's moved to Calif. and after Mr Kjer died in 1951, Mrs Kjer made her home with her daughter, Alice, in Castro Valley, Calif.

She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 182, O.E.S. of Irwin. She died in San Leandro, Calif. on Saturday, Dec. 13, 1981, at the age of 97 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by an infant child, one son, Harry Kjer and one daughter, Esther Benson.

Survivors include three sons, Peter and Elmer of Chico, Calif., and Earl of Union City, Calif.; five daughters, Anna Kington of Pleasant Hill, Calif., Alma Turner of San Leandro, Calif., Clara Bradshaw of Ida Grove, Alda Grabill of San Lorenzo, Calif., and Alice Ingram of Castro Valley, Calif., 21 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist church in Irwin on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1981 with Pastor Leon Wallace officiating. Eastern Star services were con-

ducted at the church by Eastern Star Chapter No. 182, O.E.S. of Irwin.

Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin, with Leslie Abel, Don Bradshaw, Randy Miller, Myron Kington, Kelly Bradshaw and Garland Barratt serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan, handled the arrangements.