

**The Life Story of—**

**MRS ALFRED NIELSEN, 69**

**DEFIANCE —** Leta Arlene

Nielsen, daughter of William G. and Vena Duffenbaugh Morrison, was born August 24, 1905 near Dow City. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on Nov. 9, 1974 at age 69 years, 2 months and 15 days. She moved with her family to Montana as a young girl. Her mother died while living there. Leta then returned to Iowa and made her home in Defiance. She graduated from the Defiance Public high school in the year of 1926 and she continued to live in this community where she taught school. On Feb. 23, 1928 she married Alfred Nielsen and three children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Nielsen farmed in the Defiance vicinity. Mrs Nielsen was baptized in the Salem United Methodist church at Defiance and she has been an active member there. She served as a Sunday school teacher for many years and held many offices in the church. She was a member and Past Matron of Irwin Chapter No. 182, Order of Eastern Star of Irwin. She was also a member of the Iowa Legislative League of Ladies and the Farm Bureau Women. She had been active in 4-H work and other youth groups. She also has served with many civic organizations throughout the years to aid in the betterment of her community and country.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister - Ruby (Mrs C. E. Patten) and one step-brother, Kenneth Morrison. Mrs Nielsen is survived by her husband, Alfred; by her two daughters - Ruth Ann (Mrs Milton Barry) of Irwin and Marie (Mrs Lee McLaughlin) of Defiance; by her son - Marlin Nielsen of Las Vegas, Nev., and by five grandchildren; by her step-mother, Mrs Ida Morrison, living in the State of Washington; and by five step-brothers and sisters - Mrs Irene Klein of Dunlap, Allen Morrison, Robert Morrison, Vernon Morrison and Mrs Lucille Code, all living in Washington State; by her nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1974 at the Salem United Methodist church in Defiance with Rev. J. Elmer Brunk, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Robert Morrison, Raymond Morrison, Peter Ahrenholtz, Louis Ahrenholtz, and Fred Glassburner serving as Honorary Bearers.

Pallbearers were Dale Muller, Marvin Kuhl, David Hulsebus, Philip J. Phelps, George Morrison, and William Ahrenholtz.