

Hedevig Christensen, 95

May 12, 1899 - Feb. 7, 1995

Elk Horn - Hedevig Christensen, daughter of Christen H. and Metta Marie Simonsen Christensen, was born May 12, 1899 at Poplar and died Feb. 7, 1995 at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn at age 95 years, 8 months, and 25 days. She was baptized and confirmed at the Poplar Church in Shelby County and attended rural school at Polk Township School No. 7, and later graduated from John Francis Polytechnic Evening School in Los Angeles, CA, in June of 1937. She served in World War II from 1944 to June of 1945. She worked for the Federal Civil Service from 1925 to 1956 and during her tour of duty from Jan. 1952 and June of 1954 she was with the Military Defense Assistance Program Control Group, headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany. She retired from the U.S. Civil Service in 1956. She then attended California State University in Los Angeles, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education in June of 1959. She taught first grade in Sepulveda and Coachella, CA from 1959 to 1968 when she retired from teaching. During retirement she enjoyed traveling to various places, including a trip to the Holy Land. She also authored a book entitled "Stories About Our Holidays Told By Grandpas". In Nov. of 1982 she moved to Audubon. She maintained her own home with her sister, Amanda and Emma, until she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Dec. of 1988. She was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon, and of the Quilting Group at the church.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her brothers and sisters: Lauritz Christensen; Sigurd Christensen; Hans Christensen; Hansena Clausen; Amanda Christensen; and Raymond Christensen. Survivors include her brother and sisters: Simon Christensen of Audubon; Emma Christensen of Elk Horn; and Mayme (Arnold) Jacobs of Atlantic; her sisters-in-law; Myrtle Christensen of Audubon; and Winona Christensen of Salem, OR; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stephen Gronseth Feb. 11, 1995 at Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon. Burial was in the Arlington Heights cemetery in Audubon. Military Graveside Services were conducted by the Audubon Post 120, American Legion and the Dale Christensen Post No. 4119 V.F.W. Honorary casket bearers were: Arnold Block, Glenn Christensen and David L. Christensen. Casket bearers were: Mark Block, Jerald Christensen, Robert R. Christensen, Steven Jacobs, Donald E. Kristensen and Philip Clausen. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.