

Marcella M. Esbeck, 81

March 10, 1916 - Feb. 7, 1998 ✓

ELK HORN - Marcella M. Esbeck, daughter of William and Bertha Mertz Molck, was born March 10, 1916 in Avoca. She died Feb. 7, 1998, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 81. She graduated from Walnut High School in 1935.

In December of 1935 she married Kenneth Brink. Sept. 24, 1954, she married Lester N. Esbeck of Elk Horn. Marcella had worked at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home for 19 years as a nurse's aide and had owned a dress shop in Elk Horn called Marcel's Wearing Apparel for three years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and Liberty Chapter No. 492 in Marne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gorden Molck; sister, Maxine Sullivan, and a granddaughter, Jenna Hensley. She is survived by her husband, Lester of Elk Horn; daughters, Cherie Hensley (Mark) of Elk Horn and Barbara Retz (Jack) of Anita; a son, Gary Brink (Felicita) of Las Vegas, NV; 13 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 1998, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Rev. Mike Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Jim Sander, Bernie Pardee, Eldon Ericksen, Bob Goeken, Russell Nelson, Emery Petersen and Gerald Petersen. Casket bearers were Dan Nissen, Dean Koster, Doug Ericksen, Lea Nissen, Rolf Stierle and Marty Ericksen. Steen Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.