

Ruth E. Madsen, 88

Elk Horn — Ruth E. Madsen, daughter of Rasmus and Karen Hansen, was born Febr. 19, 1889 in Elk Horn. She married Thorvald Madsen and this union was blessed with nine children. The couple lived in Co. Bluffs since 1936. She was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran church there. Ruth died Saturday, Nov. 19, 1977 in Co. Bluffs, at age 88 years, 9 months and 13 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son - Arndt Rudolph, and a daughter - Alice McKeague. Survivors include three sons - Roger, Richard and Ralph Madsen, all of Co. Bluffs, four daughters - Mrs Dorothy Clark, Mrs Ethel O'Donald and Betty Madsen of Co. Bluffs, and Mrs Irene Lewis of Salt Lake City, Utah., five brothers - H. Folmer Hansen, of Fargo, N.D., W. H. Hansen of Omaha, Nebr., Alfred Hansen of Elk Horn, Ben Hansen of Downing, Calif., and J. R. Hansen of Polk City, a sister - Martha Hemphill of Elk Horn, 18 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1977 in the Elk Horn Lutheran church with Rev. J. H. Thomsen and Rev. Eugene Soland, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn cemetery with Kenneth and Tom Potts, Maurice Lykke, Edmund Madsen and Howard and Ralph Hansen serving as casketbearers.