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Belva Christensen, 92

Aug. 3, 1911 - Oct. 19, 2003

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Belva L. Christensen was born Aug. 3, 1911, on the family farm in Pottawattamie County to Hiram and Clara Anstine Campbell. She graduated from Walnut High School in 1929, and Boyles Business College in Omaha. She was a legal secretary for Frank P. Brennan, Attorney in Avoca. She then worked as a secretary for Northern Natural Gas and White & White Attorneys. She became the owner and operator of the Maid Rite Cafe in Harlan in 1958. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Eastern Star Lebanon Chapter receiving her 50 year pin, the Women's Federated Club, Jennie Edmundson Auxiliary and Bridge Clubs. She died Oct. 19, 2003, at her residence in Council Bluffs, where she had lived since 1964, at age 92.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, R. Reuel Turner in 1953 and Charles Christensen in 1973, and a brother, George Campbell. She is survived by a son, Robert (Judy) Turner of Independence; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; sister, Claribel (Kebby) Frank of Omaha; longtime friends, Dennis (Mary) Pierson of Council Bluffs; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22, 2003, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, with Pastor Kukkonen officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.