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## **Esther Christiansen, 86**

*Dec. 28, 1914 – June 29, 2000*

**CO. BLUFFS** – Esther E. Christiansen was born Dec. 28, 1914, in Neola Township to Elias Ericksen and Johanne Thode Ericksen. She graduated from Underwood High School and attended Iowa Western Community School of Nursing for two years. She was a nurse at Bethany Lutheran Home retiring in 1994 after 28 years. She had also been a nurse at Myrtue Memorial Hospital and Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs. She attended Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Co. Bluffs and was a member of the Shelby Lutheran Church. She had lived in Boomer Township and Shelby before moving to Co. Bluffs. She died at Mercy Hospital at Co. Bluffs June 29, 2000, at age 86 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Christiansen; a brother, Clarence H. Ericksen; and by twin great grandsons, Jesse and Zachary Schmitz. She is survived by her daughter, Wanda (Ralph) Peterson of Sun City, AZ; and her sons, Gene (Karon) Christiansen of Persia; Gerald (Joy) Christiansen of Shelby and Gail Christiansen of Birmingham, AL; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; a sister, Lydia Young of Co. Bluffs; a brother, Henry (Arlene) Ericksen of Oakland; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 2, 2000, at the Cutler Funeral Home with Rev. Duane Anunson of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Boomer Township, Neola.