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Lydia E. Jensen - 74

May 5, 1924 - May 13, 1998

ESTHERVILLE - Lydia Elaine Christensen, daughter of C.M. and Marie (Madsen) Christensen, was born May 5, 1924 on a farm two and one-half miles southwest of Tyler, MN and died May 13, 1998 at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD at age 74 years and eight days. She began her education in the Tyler schools and then the family moved to a farm five miles northeast of Audubon, in 1938. She completed her education in the Audubon schools, graduating in 1941. The family purchased a farm eight miles northeast of Kimballton in 1941 and she continued to live with her parents until 1943.

Sept. 18, 1943 she married John L. Jensen at Owensboro, KY. They also lived in St. Louis, MO, Cincinnati, OH and Fort Bragg, NC during John's service years. The couple was blessed with five children. The couple moved to Kimballton following the war and moved to Estherville in 1958. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Women's Organization and a representative for United Church Women. She was also a member of the Holy Family Hospital Auxiliary, a Birthday Club and several bridge clubs.

She was preceded in death by her son, John Ronald (Ronnie) Jensen, parents and one brother, Arthur E. Christensen. She is survived by her husband, John of Estherville; four children, Carolyn A. Jensen (Damon) Siskin of San Diego, CA; Dr. Brenda Paullus (Jeff) of Fort Dodge; Robert (Bob) Jensen (Carol) of Estherville; James K. Jensen (Terri) of Estherville; 10 grandchildren, David Siskin, Natalie and John Salocker, Chad and Tammy Jensen, Adam Erickson, Crystal, Jill, Amy and Nathan Jensen; two brothers, Ernest F. Christensen (Elaine) of Audubon and Alfred A. Christensen (Oda) of Kimballton.

Funeral services were held May 16, 1998 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Estherville with Pastor Paul Wiegman, officiating and at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton with Pastors Jean Morse and Paul Wiegman officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran cemetery, Kimballton. Honorary casket bearers were: Ivan Lillehoj, Kjer Christensen, Harold Madsen, Duane Schnell, Dan Wycoff and Mark Valen. Casket bearers were: Jim Tholkes, Chuck Nourse, Bob Highland, Craig Christensen, Norman Nelson and Dale Signs. Henry, Olson, Fuhrman Funeral Homes, Inc. in charge of arrangements.