

Grace M. Leistad, 98

June 28, 1901 - Oct. 18, 1999

ELK HORN - Grace Marie, daughter of John and Sallie Nevins Huggett, was born June 28 1901, at Fulton, MO. After graduating from high school she taught at Guthrie, MO, and then came to Iowa in 1920, to teach at Clay No. 2, a rural school two miles west of Elk Horn.

She married William Leistad June 28, 1921. They farmed two and one-half miles west of Elk Horn until their retirement in 1955. After moving into Elk Horn, she started taking art lessons and then taught painting in her home for many years. She was a member of Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Order of Eastern Star of Marne, an early member of the Outlook Study Club and a volunteer librarian at the Elk Horn Public Library for many years. After the death of her husband Aug. 30, 1976, she remained in her home until December of 1995, when she moved to Salem Home. She started to fail about a month before her death Oct. 18, 1999, at age 98 years, three months and 20 days.

Besides her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Hazel Huggett. She is survived by her son, John Leistad (Kathy) of Elk Horn; a grandson, Noel Leistad (Michelle) of Underwood; two granddaughters, Faye (Robert) Wade of Overland Park, KS and Ann (Robert) Bolton of Guthrie Center; eight great grandchildren, Julisa and Jeanna Leistad, Alexandra and Benjamin Wade, and Dania, Joseph, Marcus and Curtis Bolton; three sisters-in-law, Elsie (Carl) Bonnesen of Salem Home; Dagne Gude of Salem Home and Arlene Leistad of Elk Horn; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 21, 1999, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Rev. Mike Williams and Celeste Waymire, AiM officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Wilfred Eskov, Kenneth Potts, Ronald Leistad, Roland Eskov, Leroy Pedersen and Arnold Gude. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.