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## **Ethel Jencna Mortensen, 83**

**May 29, 1910 — July 24, 1993**

**ELK HORN** — Ethel Jencna Mortensen, daughter of Peter and Anna (Ipsen) Bladt was born May 29, 1910 on her parents farm near Elk Horn. She died July 24, 1993 at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 83 years. She was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1928.

She worked in the Harlan area until she married Nick Mortensen March 3, 1993 in Harlan. To this union one daughter was born, Judy. They farmed in the Elk Horn and Kimballton area until they retired and moved to Kimballton in 1969. Nick died Dec. 2, 1982 and she maintained her own home until 1988 when she moved to the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton and had been an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church women and a long time member of the Friendly Neighbors Club. Before retirement she worked at the White Cafe in Elk Horn and the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home as a nurses aid.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nick Mortensen and two infant brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Judy Lange (Mel) of Elk Horn; 2 grandsons; 1 great-grandson; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 27, 1993 at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Kimballton with Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen, officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Casketbearers were Fred Dreher, Fold Reich, Arnold Jensen, Delbert Andersen, Pete Kroman, Orville Hansen, Harold Richards, Vernon Petersen, and Norman Juelsgaard. Steen Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements.