

BENSON, Cora



Cora Benson

IRWIN — Cora Benson, daughter of Tom and Tomina Thompson was born on a farm near Kirkman in Shelby Co. on March 18, 1890. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on April 25, 1977 at age of 87 years, one month and 7 days. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. On Oct. 25, 1908 she married Martin Benson at her grandmother's home in Polk twp. in Shelby county. One son was born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Benson farmed in Polk twp. They retired from farming in 1951 and later moved into Irwin. After Mr Benson's death in 1961, Mrs Benson has continued to make her home in Irwin. She has been a long time member of St. Paul's

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Lutheran church in Irwin.

In addition to her husband, Mrs Benson was preceded in death by her son, Jesse in 1968; two great-grandsons, Brett Havick and Shay Allan Havick; and by three sisters - Lina, Mandy and Blanche. Her survivors include her daughter-in-law, Eleanor Benson of Irwin; four grandchildren - Edwin, Kathryn, Myrna and Keith; eight great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Irwin on Wednesday, April 27, 1977, with Pastor Emil C. Martinson, officiating. Burial was in Danway cemetery, Shelby county, with Homer Hanson, Lowell Benson, Harold Benson, Martin O. Axland, Russell Nelson and Kenneth Conrad serving as casketbearers.