

The Life Story of --

Mrs Edwin R. Christensen, 79

Hazel Merle Christensen, daughter of Charles P. and Emma Andersen Christiansen, was born Apr. 18, 1895 in Co. Bluffs. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on June 7, 1974 at age 79 years, 1 month 19 days. When she was two years old she moved with her parents to Shelby county. They lived in Harlan for three years and then moved to a farm in Cuppy's Grove, where she grew to adulthood. After attending Harlan high school and Cas City Institute, she taught school for five years. On June 5, 1919 she married Edwin R. Christensen at her family home. Two sons were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Christensen farmed in Cuppy's Grove after their marriage until 1951, when they made their home in Harlan. They lived here until 1958 when they returned to the farm, living there until Nov. of 1972. They then moved to their present home at 1408 McKinley Ave in Harlan. They were privileged to observe their 55th wedding anniversary just two days before her death. Mrs Christensen became a member of the Altamont Baptist church in May of 1912. She was a teacher in the Sunday school for over 25 years and served faithfully in many capacities. After moving to Harlan she transferred her membership to the First Baptist church.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter - Ann Kathleen Christensen, her parents and two brothers - Herbert and Carlton P. Christiansen. Surviving are her husband, Edwin; her two sons - Eugene and Orin, both of Harlan; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren; by one sister - Ethel (Mrs Edwin W. Larson) of Harlan; one brother - Roy H. Christiansen of Harlan; by her nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 10, 1974, at the Pauley Home for Funerals with Rev Peter M. Kemper and Rev Lester L. Hunt, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Lloyd Nelson, Kenneth Peters, Gaylord Johnson, Kenard Christensen, Eugene A. Petersen and Douglas Christensen serving as pallbearers.