



## **Blanche I. Christiansen, 78**

**Harlan** — Blanche Isabell Christiansen, daughter of Chris F. and Eliza Jane Alwill Thoisen, was born on a farm in Shelby county, on Feb. 3, 1901. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm.

On Jan. 23, 1929, she married Philip Christiansen at her parent's home in Shelby county. One daughter was born to this union. They made their home on her family farm in Shelby county until moving to Harlan in 1973. They were privileged to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary last Jan. Philip became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn in Oct. of 1979 and Blanche became a resident there in Dec. of 1979.

Mrs Christiansen died at Clarkson hospital in Omaha, Nebr., on Thursday, Jan. 3, 1980, at age 78 years and 11 months. While on the farm, she was a member of the Friday club. She was a member of the World War I Auxiliary and the First Baptist church, both in Harlan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lori Jean Nelson. Survivors include her husband, Philip, of Elk Horn; her daughter, Marjorie (Mrs Herbert Nelson) of Audubon; four grandchildren - Fred, Rick, Jeff and Lisa Nelson; two great-grandchildren, Kris and Amy Jo Nelson; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Saturday, Jan. 5, 1980, with Pastor C. Donald Thrash of the First Baptist church in Harlan and Rev. Robert Baker, pastor of the Grace Baptist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery, with Wayne Alwill, Ray H. Larson, Gaylord Doonan, Duane O. Linden, Raymond Thomsen and David E. Stewart serving as casketbearers.

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