

THE LIFE STORY OF —

Martha Dickinson, 89

Martha Dickinson, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Ann Baker Monkman was born near Spirit Lake on July 12, 1893. As a child, she moved to a farm in the Dow City area where she grew to adulthood. Her parents then moved to Wessington Springs, S.D., but Martha remained in Iowa and made her home with a sister. She was baptized as a young girl at the Defiance Christian church.

On Sept. 9, 1915, Martha married Norris Benjamin Dickinson near Irwin. Three children were born to this union. They made their home in and near Harlan until 1929, when they moved to Kirkman. Martha lived there until 1974, when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan.

She died Oct. 12, 1982 at the age of 89 years. In addition to her parents, Martha was preceded in death by four sisters, two who died in infancy and Alice (Mrs Albert) Earnest and Hattie (Mrs Paul) Bauer; three brothers, one who died in infancy and Elmer and George Monkman.

Surviving are her husband, Norris B. "Ben" of Harlan; two sons, Norris of Duarte, Calif., and Gaillard of Temple City, Calif.; one daughter, Darlene (Mrs Gilbert) Hanson of rural Kirkman; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Friday, Oct. 15, with the Rev. Leon Wallace of the Irwin-Kirkman United Methodist church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Harold Hull, Howard Wiig, Norman M. Wiig, Harlan Huckins, Clifford Pedersen and Kenneth Ahrenholtz serving as casketbearers.