

MADSON, Alice C

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Alice C. Madson, 95

Alice Elsa Madson, daughter of Peter W. and Hannah Sorensen Madson was born Feb. 18, 1886 on a farm in Fairview Twp., Shelby co. She was baptized in the Altamont Baptist church, attended the country school, growing to adulthood on the family farm. After graduating from Iowa State Teacher's college in Cedar Falls, Alice returned to Shelby County to teach at the Fairview Twp. School No. 6. She also taught school in Okla., Idaho, Wash., and No. Dak. before coming to Harlan, where she was a teacher for over 35 years in the Harlan Community School System. In 1965, she retired and continued to make her home in Harlan. On Feb. 1, 1979, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, where she passed away on Monday, Aug. 17, 1981, at the age 95 years.

As a young girl, she was a member of the Altamont Baptist church and then attended the church in the various communities where she taught.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Peter Madson, one half brother, Martin Nielson and two sisters, Effie Plunkett and Leah Lee. She is survived by one half brother, Walter Nielsen of Avoca; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Thursday, Aug. 20, 1981 with Pastor C. Donald Thrash of the First Baptist Church in Harlan and Pastor Roger E. Porter of the Altamont Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Cuppy's Grove cemetery in Shelby with Ival Custer, Leo M. Nielsen, Phil W. Madson, Eugene W. Nielsen, Vernon L. Nielsen and M.W. (Bill) Broughton serving as casketbearers.