

Edna Nelson, 97

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Edna Nelson, daughter of Lars and Dorthea Thompson Willadsen was born April 11, 1888, near Fiscus. On Jan. 25, 1911, she married Chris Nelson at Merrill's Grove Baptist church. They lived in Shelby and Audubon counties until 1944 when they moved to Fiscus.

She has been a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home for the Past 21 years and died there on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1985 at the age of 97 years, 4 months and 29 days. She was a life time member of the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church, Merrill's Grove Ladies Aid, charter member of the Fiscus Social club and other neighborhood clubs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Chris in 1964, a son in infancy; brother Thomas Willadsen; three sisters, Christy Willadsen, Stena Olson and Myrtle Carlson and a son-in-law, B.B. Brown. Survivors include two sons, Oliver Nelson of Elk Horn, Chris Nelson of Baker, Mt.; four daughters, Valdene Bowen of Billings, Mt., Eunice (Mrs Lee) Nelsen of Kimballton, Dorothy (Mrs Wesley) Peterson of Harlan and Shelby (Mrs Gerald) Nelsen of Audubon. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren and 11 great great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 13, 1985 at the Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. George Spencer officiating. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove cemetery with Victor Julius, Marion Olsen, Lowell Nelson, Henry Paulsen, Stanley Hansen and Don Armentrout serving as casketbearers.