



Elsie R. Nelson, 71

Harlan — Elsie Rosamond Nelson, daughter of Jens and Mary Christensen Larsen was born in Rorbeck, on July 22, 1906. At the age of two, she moved with her parents to a farm near Burke, So. Dak., where her family farmed and operated a blacksmith shop. In 1910 they moved to Tripp County, So. Dak., where they homesteaded and operated a blacksmith shop. This was her home until 1923 when they moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where her mother died and she moved to Harlan.

On Dec. 4, 1924, she married Clarence R. Nelson at his parent's farm near Harlan. To this union, three children were born. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Nelson continued to farm the Nelson family farm. They retired from farming in 1958 but continued to live there until 1963 when they moved to Harlan. In Dec. of 1976, they became residents of the Salem Lutheran Retirement Home in Elk Horn. Mrs Nelson was baptized in the Danish Baptist church and was a current member of the Grace Baptist church in Harlan.

She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Saturday, May 20, 1978 at age 71 years, 9 months and 28 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Larsen; three brothers - Albert, Raymond and Wilmer Larsen; and by two grandchildren - LuAnn and Dickie Nelson. She is survived by her husband, Clarence R. Nelson of Elk Horn; one daughter, Lucille (Mrs Andreas Kjergaard) of Audubon, two sons - Donald Nelson of Harlan and Gordon Nelson of Audubon; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; by one sister, Esther (Mrs Frank Clizbe) of San Juan Capistrano, Calif.; two brothers, Justin Larsen of Harlan and Dwight Larsen of Washington Park, Ill.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Grace Baptist church in Harlan on Monday, May 22, 1978, with Pastor Robert Baker, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Dean Nelson, John Nelson, Jerry Nelson, Verne Nelson, Robert Hansen and Stanley Kjergaard serving as casketbearers.