



Mrs Arthur Nielsen, 65

Harlan — Lella B. Nielsen, daughter of Millard D. and Anna Stone Branstetter, was born on a farm in Webster county, Mo., on Aug. 26, 1912. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. Lella moved to Harlan as a young woman. On April 6, 1939 she married Arthur E. Nielsen at the Chapel of the First United Methodist church in Harlan. One daughter was born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Nielsen made their home in Harlan and this has been her home since that time.

Mrs Nielsen died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on May 17, 1978 at age 65 years, 8 months and 21 days. She was a long time member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women and was currently a member of the Esther Circle. Lella was also a member of the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge No. 286 of Harlan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers - Robert and Frank Branstetter. Her survivors include her husband, Arthur Nielsen of Harlan; her daughter, Joyce (Mrs Del Johnson) of Dubuque, two grandsons, Michael and Curtis Johnson; two brothers, Melvin Branstetter of Woodbine and Herschel Branstetter of West Des Moines; two sisters, Kate (Mrs Gilbert Stone) of Fordland, Mo., and Ruby (Mrs Lester McElwain) of Springfield, Mo.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Saturday, May 20, 1978, with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Roy Adams, Joe Reynolds, Leroy Closson, Warren Chaffey, Robert Gregory, Francis Rihner, Horatio H. Paup and George A. Malone serving as casketbearers.
