

Alma M. Owen, 70

Harlan — Alma Marie Owen, the daughter of Claus and Louise Weiland Otto was born Oct. 28, 1908 on a farm near Hanover. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She attended St. John's Lutheran school and as a girl, served as the organist for her church. She grew to adulthood on her parents farm and in 1928 moved to Des Moines where she attended and graduated from the American Institute of Business. She was employed by several firms in the Des Moines area in her early working years, including the Armond Cosmetic Co. In 1945 she was employed by the Universal Car Loading Co. of Des Moines, where her positions included office manager and cashier.

From 1967 until she retired in 1971, she was assistant to the Polk county treasurer. On July 2, 1971 she married Edward Owen in Norfolk, Nebr. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. During her lifetime, Mrs Owen continued her membership in the Lutheran church and after moving to Harlan became a member of Immanuel Lutheran church. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on Dec. 12, 1978, just two months after her 70th birthday.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister and one brother. Her survivors include her husband Edward of Harlan, one sister Freda Otto of Alta; three brothers - Albert of Alta, Herbert of Storm Lake and Harold of Holstein, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral Services were conducted at Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan on Friday, Dec. 15, 1978. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Chet Haase, Don Heilesen, Lee Sunderiano, Bernard M. Wolf, George J. Petsche and Ronald McKeown serving as casketbearers. 1979