



THE LIFE STORY OF —

Esther M. Rold, 82

Harlan — Esther Marie Rold, daughter of Lauritz H. and Carolina Larsen, was born April 13, 1897 in Harlan. She received her elementary and high school education in Harlan and attended Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls. Esther taught in rural schools near Harlan until she married Christian Rold March 30, 1921. To this union, four children were born.

After their marriage, they farmed in Shelby and Guthrie counties except for a brief time when they lived in Monrovia, Calif. They retired from active farming in 1959 and made their home in Harlan. She was baptized, and became a member of the old First Baptist church in Harlan. After their marriage, she became a member of the Altamont Baptist church at Cuppy's Grove, where her husband was a member. She was also a member of the Altamont Ladies Aid Society of Cuppy's Grove.

Esther died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Thursday, April 26, 1979, just 13 days after her 82nd birthday.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter - Vivian Goff; two brothers - Emanuel and David Larsen; one sister - Olga Peterson; and two infant grandsons. She is survived by her husband, her daughter Ruth, her son, Paul of Arvada, Colo.; her son, Robert of Harlan; nine grandchildren, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, April 30, 1979 with Rev Hal Hawkins, pastor of the Altamont Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Cuppy's Grove cemetery in Shelby county, with Greg Rold, Mark Rold, Brett Rold, Trent Rold, Paul Rold II and David Thompson, all grandsons of Mrs Rold, serving as casketbearers.
