

# Jesse A. Smith, 84

Persia — Jessie Atlas Smith, daughter of John and Sarah Slaven, was born July 28, 1893 near Portsmouth. She grew to adulthood near Portsmouth. She taught schools in Shelby county for three years before she married Ernest Smith on June 5, 1917 at the Harlan Methodist church.

They farmed for many years in the Portsmouth area until they moved to Persia in 1938, retiring and moving into Persia in 1969. They became residents of the Westmont Care Center in Logan in Dec., 1977. She died at Community Memorial hospital in Mo. Valley, April 1, 1978 at age 84 years, 8 months and four days.

She was a member of the Harlan Methodist church before transferring her membership to Persia. She was a lifelong member of the Royal Neighbors Lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary and United Methodist Women.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Vernon and Henry Slaven and an infant daughter, Doris LaDean. Survivors include her husband Ernest; son - Veral of Persia; daughter - Darlene (Merle) Deupree of Lyons, Nebr.; seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, by four sisters, Annie Bean of Rock Island, Ill., Mollie Williams of Persia, Maggie Maxwell of Omaha, Lottie Evans of Harlan and one brother - John Slaven of Exira and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Persia United Methodist church Tuesday, April 4, 1978, with Pastor Dick Krambeck, officiating. Burial was in the Woodbine cemetery with her grandsons, Bob Smith, Jack Smith, Rich Knauss, Jim Depuree, Mike Paul and John Gustafson serving as pallbearers.

Schumacher Funeral Home was in charge.

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