

Elizabeth Tarpy

Omaha — Elizabeth Christensen Tarpy was born June 29, 1904, daughter of Ellen Marie Therkildsen and Christen Christensen about six weeks after they arrived from Aalborg, Denmark, and settled in the Merrill's Grove farming community in Shelby county.

She was baptized at the Poplar Lutheran church and confirmed at the Harlan Lutheran church. She attended services at the Merrill's Grove Baptist church with her family from birth until age 15 when they moved to Harlan. She graduated from the Harlan high school. At age 19, she married D. D. Tarpy and they moved to western Nebraska. Two daughters were born to this union. They spent most of their working years in Omaha, Neb., where Elizabeth was a moving force behind Tarpy's Tailors, the family business. The family joined the North Side Christian church in 1932. She served as a deaconess, circle and CWF officer, and as kitchen chairman, where she earned raves for her fine meals.

Survivors include her daughters; a brother, Arnold Christensen of Harlan; a sister, Ruby Nelson of Shelby; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 15, 1980 at the North Side Christian church, Omaha, Neb. Burial was at Hillcrest cemetery in Omaha.

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