

## Anna Andersen, 100

**CUPPY'S GROVE** - Anna Christena Andersen, the daughter of Michael and Mary (Jensen) Christiansen was born July 7, 1889, on the family farm near Prairie Rose Lake in Shelby Co. She attended country school, and was a member of Altamont Baptist Church in Cuppy's Grove, where she taught Sunday school and sang in the church choir. She attended college in Sac City, Des Moines and Cedar Falls, before returning to Shelby County to teach school in Center #6, Center #2, and Jackson #9 rural schools.

March 7, 1917, she married Ed Andersen at the home of her college professor, Dr. S.P. Fogdall in Des Moines. Five children were born to this union. They farmed Southeast of Harlan until Ed's death in March of 1968, and she then moved into Harlan. In Nov. of 1988, she became a resident of Baptist Memorial Home, and this has been her home since that time. She died April 20, 1990 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 100 years, 9 months and 21 days. In addition to being a member of Altamont Baptist Church, she was a member of American Baptist Church, Annie Circle, and Center Social Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Perry, Holger, and Herbert; two sisters, Bessie and Dora and one step-great-grandson, Tim. Surviving her are three daughters, Maurine Andersen of Harlan; Valdine (Harold R.) Anderson of Horseshoe Bend, AR., and Marilyn Arnold of Fort Collins, CO.; two sons, Harold E. Andersen of rural Harlan and Kenneth Andersen of Champaign, IL.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Edward U. and Lester Christiansen both of Harlan; nieces nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 2, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Darrel Rhodes of Altamont Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Cuppy's Grove cemetery with Art Linde, Ralph L. Klindt, Kenneth Peters, Jack Carmichael, George Mathiasen and Roy L. Christensen serving as casketbearers.