

Florence Delilah Andersen, 85 ✓

Nov. 25, 1911 - March 8, 1997

HARLAN - Florence Delilah Andersen, daughter of Joseph Arthur Smith, was born Nov. 25, 1911, near Woodward, OK. She was raised near Kirkman, by her uncle and aunt, Arthur Cleveland and Nancy Delilah Townsend. She attended school in Kirkman, and then worked as a hired girl for a number of Kirkman area families.

April 27, 1932, she married Elmer H. Andersen in Harlan. The couple lived in the Jacksonville and Poplar areas while Elmer pursued a trucking career. They later farmed east of Jacksonville, and then near Kirkman. In 1973, they retired from farming and moved into Harlan. He died Nov. 21, 1985, in Harlan. In 1986, she moved to the Westridge Apartments in Harlan, where she lived for several years. She then spent a short time at the Baptist Memorial Home before becoming a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. As a child she was a member of the Redline Church of Christ, where she was baptized. She later became a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She died March 8, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 85 years, three months and 11 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband, Elmer. Survivors include one son, Richard (Rosalie) Andersen of rural Harlan; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 10, 1997, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Mary Lunde officiating. Casket bearers were Milford Christensen, Jerry Andersen, Lynn Andersen, Eugene Hess, Robert K. Andersen and Ron L. Adams. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.