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HARLAN – Ellen Marie Christensen, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Nielsen) Christensen was born Dec. 10, 1901, Jylland, Denmark.

She was baptized in the Lutheran Church in Denmark, and at age 10 years, moved with her family to the U.S., settling in the Merrill's Grove area. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parents farm. After school, she helped on area farms until 1947, when she moved to Harlan. She worked as a housekeeper for William Alwill until 1953, when she became the receptionist at Pauley Funeral Home. She retired in 1976, but continued to reside in Harlan. She died in her home in Harlan June 4, 1989 at age 87 years, five months and 26 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jeppe Elmond Christensen. Surviving are three sisters, Nelsena Carl of Harlan; Johanna (Mrs Clayton Mitten of Harlan and Dora (Mrs Gordon) Hess of Ayrshire; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 7, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Otto Zwanziger of Immanuel Lutheran church, officiating. Burial in Jacksonville cemetery with Earl Doonan, Walter Stewart, Herbert Nelson, Laverne Nelson, Gaylord Doonan, David E. Stewart, Virgil Christensen, and Thomas J. Stessman serving as casketbearers.