

Nellie V. Christensen, 91 ✓

June 29, 1903-May 29, 1995

Harlan - Nellie Viola Christensen, daughter of Nicholas H. and Anne Marie (Hansen) Ohms was born on the family farm in Jackson Twp., Shelby County, June 29, 1903. She was baptized in 1904 and confirmed in 1918 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She attended school in Jackson Twp. No. 9 (known as Copenhagen School). She graduated from Harlan High School in 1924 with a normal training certificate. After graduation she taught school at Jackson No. 7 and No. 4.

She married Lars August Christensen March 16, 1927 in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parsonage in Jacksonville. The first 40 years of their married life were spent on the Christensen family farm in Polk Twp. In 1967 they built a home in Harlan on 4th Street and retired. During their years on the farm, they were members of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. They joined the Immanuel Lutheran Church after they moved to Harlan. They were privileged to celebrate their 51st Anniversary in March of 1978. After he died Sept. 26, 1978, she continued to live in her home in Harlan. April 1993 she moved to the Salem Lutheran Retirement Home in Elk Horn. In July 1994 she moved from the retirement home to the nursing home in Elk Horn. She was in failing health for the past several months and died May 29, 1995 at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 91 years and 11 months.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brothers, Henry and Hans Ohms, her sisters, Annie Ericksen, Cecilia Kemp, Elise Petersen and Mabel Paddock, and a foster brother Marion Hansen. She is survived by one brother, Ivan Ohms of Menlo Park, CA and sisters, Clara Petersen of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Emma Bricker of Omaha, NE, and a sister-in-law Golden Thraen of Cape May Court House, NJ, many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Wayne Petersen, Neil Ohms, Marlin Petersen, Eugene Kemp, Carl Petersen and Marvin Ohms casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.