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## Esther Cox, 94

**SHELBY** - Esther Vivian Cox, the youngest child of Samuel and Amanda (Wings) McKeighan was born on a farm in Shelby County, Iowa on Jan. 23, 1894. She attended country school, and then graduated from Amity College in College Springs. After graduation, she taught school at Gardner country school and later taught 5th and 6th grades in Tennant.

She married Bert Howard Cox in Fort Dodge on Oct. 21, 1917. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived on their farm south of Tennant. In 1927, Bert purchased the Co-Op Elevator in Tennant and the family moved into Tennant. After the death of Bert in 1934, she moved back to the farm where she lived until her stroke. She has resided in a nursing home for the past eleven years, and became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn on Nov. 4, 1986. It was there that she died on Aug. 15, 1988 at age 94 years, six months and 23 days. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Walnut.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Edith, Maude, Edna, Clara and Anna; one brother, William; three sons, Russell, Burton and Stanley; one daughter, Arietta; three grandchildren. Surviving her are two sons, Bernard Cox of Tennant and Alan Cox of Simi Valley, CA; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Aug. 18, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor John M. Leggett of First Baptist Church in Harlan, officiating, assisted by Rev. Max Bowlin of Calvary Baptist Church in Walnut. Burial was in Shelby cemetery with Keith Bauer, Duane Linden, Dallas Linden, Robert Becker, Darrell Linden and Douglas Linden serving as casket bearers.