

## Cecil M. Camery, 99

*Feb. 15, 1902 - April 5, 2001*

**HARLAN** – Cecil Marie Camery was born Feb. 15, 1902, to Catherine (Hoogensen) and Peter Brodersen on a farm near Jacksonville. She was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and attended Jackson #2 Country School near Jacksonville. As a young woman, she attended Iowa State University in Ames, where she studied Home Economics.

While attending Iowa State she met Joe Camery, also from Harlan. The couple was married Nov. 16, 1923, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Jacksonville. To this union four children were born. Following their wedding, the Camerys lived in Clarinda and Villisca, where Joe was employed by the Iowa Highway Commission. He then accepted a position as Shelby County Engineer and the couple moved back to Harlan. Later, Joe's employment transferred the family to Osceola, Wapello and Emmetsburg. Due to ill health, he retired in 1963, and the couple returned to Harlan. Cecil then focused on not only Joe's care, but also that of her parents. Following Joe's death in 1965, Cecil continued to live in Harlan becoming a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community in 1996. She was employed as a cook at the high school and also worked in the catering department at Mickel's Family Restaurant. Active in 4-H, Cecil was a charter member of the first 4-H club in Shelby County. She was also an active participant at the Harlan Senior Center. She died April 5, 2001, at age 99 years, one month and 21 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Camery, June 12, 1965; her son, Morgan; her grandson, Morgan Peter II; and her brothers, Henry and Jake Brodersen. She is survived by her children, Miles Camery (Norma) of Albuquerque, NM; Joan (Ed) Prather of Lake Quivira, KS and Janis (J. Lloyd) Pientok of St. Francis, WI; 13 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; her daughter-in-law, Agnes Camery, of Ft. Meade, FL and LeSueur, MN; her niece, Margy Hatcher of Harlan; her sister-in-law, Evelyn Camery of Harlan; her aunt, Viola Hoogensen Nicholson of Richmond, VA, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 8, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. A private burial was held in the Harlan Cemetery.

