

Edith Christensen, 87

January 24, 1912-April 14, 1999

HARLAN - Edith "Ede" Kathryn Christensen, daughter of Christian E. and Della R. (Roland) Rold, was born Jan. 24, 1912 in Post Falls, ID. Ede was one of eight girls. The family lived on farms in Nebraska and Iowa and later in the Harlan area. She graduated with a Normal Training teacher certificate and taught at the country school east of Corley and did substitute teaching over the years.

Sept. 3, 1931 she married Lee (Lehman) Christensen in the parsonage of the Seventh Avenue Baptist Church in Co. Bluffs. To this union five children were born. After their marriage they made their home in Harlan until 1956, when they moved to Co. Bluffs, returning to Shelby County in 1971. Ede was a telephone operator, teacher and seamstress. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. She died April 14, 1999 at her home at age 87 years, two months and 21 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband Lee, she was preceded in death by two grandsons, Kent Jack and Darrel Lynn Christensen; her sisters Abbie, Fern, Sylvia, Miriam, Lois, Clela and Fae. Survivors include her children Donald Lee Christensen (Fran) of Co. Bluffs; Joanne N. "Jo" (Norman) Mathiasen of Harlan; Jack F. Christensen (Carol) of Harlan; Barbara J. (Leland) Hansen of Oakland; and James "Jim" Christensen (Carol) of Loveland, CO; 17 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 10 step great grandchildren, three step great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 17, 1999 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church and Rev. Carl Rambo of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Dee Dee Crouse, Edith "Edie" Shetler, Marcy Cain, Nancy Buman, Karen Christensen, Ann Pickrel, Beth Christensen, Wendy Finnell, Jill Christensen and Glenda Faurot honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were David Hansen, Craig Christensen, Jay Christensen, Scott Mathiasen, Chris Christensen, Timothy Hansen and Richard Lee Christensen.