

Helen B. Christensen, 90

July 13, 1910 - July 22, 2000

HARLAN – Helen B. (Havick) Christensen was born July 13, 1910, in Lincoln Township and was the daughter of Frank and Essie (Bryan) Havick. She was baptized in the Tennant Methodist Church and graduated from Tennant High School in 1928.

She married Arnold R. Christensen in 1929, and became a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Harlan. Two sons were born to the marriage, Robert D. and David A. After their marriage, they farmed near Rorbeck for three years before moving back to Lincoln Township where they continued to farm until retirement. She served as chairman of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Women and on many committees of the church; served as Shelby County Farm Bureau Women's chairman and was a representative of the Legislative Committee to Washington D.C.; was active in Myrtue Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, the Shelby County cancer program, Bloodmobile and charter member of the Shelby County Historical Society Prairie Trials Museum. She was a Past Noble Grand of Rebekah Lodge, a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, served on the Rainbow Girls Advisory Board for many years and a member of the Daughters of the Nile. She was active in two neighborhood clubs, SI Club and Lincoln Social; and a member of two knitting clubs.

During World War II, she taught Red Cross Home Nursing at the Tennant Methodist Church. She died July 22, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 90 years and nine days.

In addition to her parents and stepfather, Frank Curtis, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold; three sisters, Gladys Klitgaard, Esther Davis and Mabel Davis; five brothers, Claude, Harold, Glen, Elmer and Everett. Survivors include her sons, Robert D. Christensen (Joanne) of Harlan; David A. Christensen (Nancy) of Harlan; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; one brother, Franklin Havick of Oakland, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 26, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Heather Becklin officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Paul R. Stewart, Bruce J. Christensen, Leon V. Schmitz, Brian R. Christensen, Michael J. Monahan and Raymond G. Christensen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

