

Stella M. Christensen, 93

Aug. 18, 1907 – March 29, 2001

HARLAN – Stella Mae Christensen, daughter of Anders and Stena (Hansen) Henriksen was born Aug. 18, 1907, on a farm in Greeley Township, Shelby County. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville. She attended rural school in Center Township and graduated from Harlan High School in 1925. After high school, Stella taught rural school in Center Township for two years.

Aug. 18, 1927, she married Elmer Christensen at her mother's home in Center Township. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Jackson Township. They retired from farming in 1958 and moved to Harlan. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Jacksonville until 1961. Since then, she has been a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She died March 29, 2001, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age ninety-three years, seven months and eleven days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Christensen; two sisters, Alvina Greve and Cecile Jacobsen; six brothers, Harry, Elmer, Leroy, Gilbert, Lester and Harold, and her grandson, Andrew "Andy" Christensen. She is survived by her son Fred Christensen (Dottie) of Caldwell, ID; her daughter Mildred (Dick) Wilcox of Cherry Hill, NJ; grandchildren, Eric Christensen (Betsy) of Bothell, WA, Marc Christensen of Salt Lake City, UT, Jennifer (Jim) Zavorski of Marietta, GA and David Wilcox (Eileen) of Seattle, WA; great grandchildren, Rachel, Sara, and Rebecca Zavorski and Grace and Carl Christensen; sisters-in-law, Vernal Henriksen and Margaret Christensen; brother-in-law, Art Christensen; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held, April 2, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Revs. Jon Benson and Heather Becklin officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Richard Wilcox, Marc Christensen, David Wilcox, Eric Christensen, James Zavorski and Jennifer Zavorski casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.