

Lillian Christiansen, 87 /

April 5, 1910 - Aug. 11, 1997

DIXON, MO - Lillian Christiansen was born April 5, 1910, daughter of William and Lulu Ellen Smith Cross. She died at the Balanced Care Center in Dixon, MO, Aug. 11, 1997, at age 87. She was born in Shelby County near Manteno. She received her education in the Dow City Community Schools and was baptized in Christ in the United Methodist Church in Dow City in 1926. In 1930, she graduated from the Dow City High School. She subsequently attended Iowa State Teachers College and graduated there in 1932. After completing her education, she taught in three regional rural schools.

She married Feb. 14, 1935, and from this union she raised three children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dayle; two brothers, Lawrence and Leslie Cross, and one sister, Gertrude. Survivors include two daughters, Hazel Bielenberg of Harlan; Gayle Helms (Larry) of Dixon, MO; eight grandchildren 12 great grandchildren; one brother, Bill Cross (Maxine) of Dow City; three sisters, Della Martin (Bob) of Dow City; Elsie Calvig (Mal) of Waterloo and Audrey Gehl (John) of Dow City.

Funeral services were held Aug. 14, 1997, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison. Rev. Chrisa Ferguson and Rev. Ken Ferguson officiated the services and graveside rites at the Oakland Cemetery, Denison. Casket bearers were Richard Bielenberg, Josh Feldman, Tom Jefferies, Kevin Christiansen, Dave Merriam and Ted Feldman. The Huebner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.