

## Martha Christine Clausen, 97

April 19, 1901 - July 5, 1998

**HARLAN** - Martha Christine Clausen, daughter of Christian F. and Pauline (Namanny) Johannsen, was born April 19, 1901, in Monroe Township, rural Shelby County. She attended country school through the eighth grade.

Feb. 18, 1925, she married George Clausen at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. The couple farmed in Monroe Township until 1941, when they moved into Harlan. She first worked as a school cook at Laurel and Park Schools in Harlan, and was later a dorm mother at Dana College in Blair, NE. In 1993, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. She was an active participant in many organizations, including 4-H, Monroe Friday Club, American Legion Auxiliary, American Cancer Society, Order of Eastern Star, and the Dial Club. She was also a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she helped with the quilting and other activities of the Immanuel Church Women. Martha was recently awarded honorary member status in the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, in recognition of her many years of service. She died July 5, 1998, at the Baptist Memorial Home at age 97 years, two months and 16 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, George Nov. 12, 1964; and two brothers, Herman Johannsen and Arnold Johannsen. Survivors include one daughter, Pauline (Jim) Friend of Tabernash, CO; two brothers, B.B. (Wilma) Johannsen of Mesa, AZ and Norman (Zelda) Johannsen of Harlan; one sister-in-law, Maxine Johannsen; two grandchildren, Bruce (Sidney) Friend of Englewood, CO and Kathe (Bill) Morck of Granby, CO; four great grandchildren, Andrew and Dana Friend of Englewood, CO, and Niels and Makenna Morck of Granby, CO; seven nieces, three nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 9, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Stanley Johannsen, Darryl Johannsen, Galen Johannsen, Eric Johannsen, Reid Johannsen and Chris Johannsen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

