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Kathryn Eckmann, 79

HARLAN - Kathryn Bernice Eckmann, daughter of George and Follie (Hawkins) Gramkow, was born Oct. 4, 1910 on a farm northwest of Persia. She was baptized at the Persia Methodist Church parsonage, and attended rural school near Persia, graduating from Persia High School. She then attended Drake University in Des Moines, and graduated with a major in music. She then taught school for several years in Luther, and the State Juvenile Home in Toledo, IA.

July 16, 1939, she married Claus Eckmann in San Francisco, CA, where Claus was stationed with the U.S. Army. Being an Army career man, they lived in many locations including the U.S., Germany, and Japan. After his retirement from the Army in 1957, they resided in Springdale, AK, for the next 15 years where she taught high school and was active in the Salem Lutheran Church. She was the first chair-person of the Altar Guild, was the church organist for several years, and was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. In 1972, they moved to Persia to be near family, relatives, and friends. In 1978, they moved to Harlan. After the death of Claus in 1980, she continued to make her home in Harlan, and it was there that she died Sept. 11, 1990, at age 79 years, 11 months, and several days. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Harlan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband. Surviving her is her sister, Lucile (Mrs Glen) Salts of Persia, two nieces, three grand nieces; one grand nephew; one great grand niece; one great grand nephew, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 14, 1990 at Peace Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Michael Eckert, officiating. Burial was in the cemetery with Larry Krohn, Calvin Krohn, Earl Eckmann, Arnold and Clara Eckmann, and Elen Steenbock serving as casketbearers.