

## Gussie Erdman, 98

Oct. 18, 1893 — Dec. 14, 1991

**HARLAN** — Gussie May Erdman, daughter of Carroll and Minnie (Cooper) Thompson, was born Oct. 18, 1893, in Adair County, MO. She died Dec. 14, 1991, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 98 years, one month and 26 days. As a young girl, she moved with her parents to KS. She graduated from Great Bend High School, and then completed her normal training. She then taught country school in Barton County, KS.

May 25, 1913, she married Raleigh Erdman at Great Bend, KS. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived in Liberal, KS., for a short time before moving to Cimarron, KS., where Raleigh was a merchant in the produce and lumber business. After retiring in 1955, they continued to live in Cimarron until 1976, when they moved to Harlan to be near their daughter. After the death of her husband in Sept. of 1979, she continued to reside in Harlan, and in Dec. of 1990, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Harlan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Hallie, Charlie, John, Joe and Vernon; and one sister, Mary. She is survived by two sons, Raleigh D. Erdman, Jr. of Oklahoma City, OK.; and William R. Erdman (Patricia) of Belen, N.M.; one daughter, Carolyn (Dr. Joseph) Spearing of Harlan; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Hilma Olson of Muskegon, MI., and Helen Erdman of Kingman, KS., and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 1991 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. Janne A. Clinton of First United Methodist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with John Adam, Gene West, John Spearing, John C. Louis, Harold E. Johnson and Richard Erdman casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.