

## **Martha Grabill, 91**

**HARLAN** – Martha Grabill, daughter of Niels P. and Christine (Sorensen) Erickson, both Danish Immigrants was born by Prairie Rose Lake in Monroe Twp., Dec. 24, 1897. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Feb. 24, 1989 at age 91 years and two months.

She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She grew up at her parents' farm home in Shelby County and attended rural school. After school days were over, she worked at the Beh Dry Good's Store in Harlan until her marriage.

Aug. 25, 1926, she married Gale Grabill. To this union four children were born. They farmed for 40 years in Jackson Twp. and moved to Harlan in 1966. For 30 years they owned a cabin on Spirit Lake where they spent their summers. In 1983 she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan and this had been her home since that time. She was a lifelong member of the Jacksonville Lutheran Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one infant sister, Julia; two infant brothers, Martin and Soren; and brother, Allen in 1955. She is survived by her husband, Gale of Harlan; sons, Johnny P. of Hillsboro, OR; Charles G. of Harlan; twins, LaDonna (Mrs Jack) Noble of Altamonte Springs, FL and Donald D. of Okoboji; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 27, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Oliver S. Solberg of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Paula Grabill, LeAnn Grabill, Martha Noble, Edward Walsh, Dalton Jensen, Galen C. Grabill, Cheri Noble Walsh and Mr and Mrs Lance Neve serving as casket bearers.