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**Frances A. Griffin, 81** J

**HARLAN** - Frances Alta Griffin, daughter of Arthur Henry and Rhoda Florence (Raygor) Knowlton was born at Regan, ND on March 29, 1906. She attended school in Regan and moved with her family to Harlan in June of 1923. She graduated from Harlan Community High School and became employed at the Harlan Public Library as the assistant librarian.

On Sept. 20, 1934, she married James Griffin at Blue Earth, MN. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they resided in Blue Earth for a few months before returning to a farm near Harlan. After the death of James on Aug. 6, 1973, she continued to reside in her home until Oct. 3, 1986, when she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, where she died on March 24, 1988 at age 81 years, 11 months and 24 days. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Harlan, and the V.F.W. Auxiliary in Harlan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son; and two sisters, Lucille Sampson and Olive Reynolds. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Mrs Marvin) Miller of Harlan; four grandchildren; one sister, Alice Gage of Yuma, AZ; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were March 26, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. David Polich of St. Michael's Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Mark Bruck, Glen Arnold, Ole D. Olson, Ares Dinesen, Vernon J. Miller, and Valen Christensen serving as casket bearers.