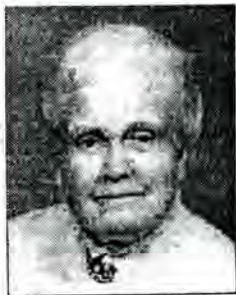


Mollie Ingwers, 95

April 18, 1906 – Oct. 18, 2001

HARLAN – Mollie Kirstina Zinck Jespersen Ingwers, daughter of Christian Peter and Dorothea Zinck (Jensen) Jespersen, was born April 18, 1906, on a farm in Rabbit Hollow, near Harlan. Mollie was baptized Jan. 3, 1907, at her parents' home by the pastor of St. John's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Harlan. She was raised in the rural Harlan area. While attending high school in Kirkman, she was asked to go to Hollywood, CA, to stay with and help care for a family friend. Her parents agreed, and Mollie moved to Hollywood, where she graduated from Hollywood High School in 1924. Upon returning to Iowa, she took a three-month course that would allow her to teach in Iowa rural schools. After teaching for two years, she furthered her education in the teaching field, enrolling at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. Following her graduation in 1930, she taught school in Defiance, for two years. She then returned home to help her parents, who had recently lost their farm and moved into town.



Mollie married Frank Christian Ingwers June 4, 1937, at the original Immanuel Lutheran Church in downtown Harlan. The couple then purchased their home, which was located just across the alley from her parents' house. After Frank's death Feb. 15, 1969, she continued to live in this home. She became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community March 15, 2001. She was a charter member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. As an active member, she taught Sunday School for several years and faithfully attended services until failing health prevented her from doing so. She died Oct. 18, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 95 years and six months.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Frank; one brother, Christian Zinck Jespersen; and one sister, Sara Katherine Zinck Jespersen. Survivors include two nephews, Charles (Lorraine) Jespersen of St. Joseph, MI and Kent (Mary) Jespersen of Bloomington, IL and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 23, 2001, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Heather Becklin officiating. Casket bearers were Kent Jespersen, Charles Jespersen, Lorraine Jespersen, Bud Holtz, Bob Scheel, Don Nielsen and Perry Moore. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.