

Ruby Jensen, 78

July 30, 1919 - Feb. 8, 1998

HARLAN - Ruby Elaine Jensen, daughter of James and Mary (Nielsen) Molgaard, was born on a farm in Audubon County, north of Kimballton, July 30, 1919. She was one of nine Molgaard siblings. She had three brothers and six sisters. As a young girl, she lived on several different farms in this area. She grew up on her parents' farm and she attended a rural school, Sharon Township #2 in Audubon County. When school days were over, she helped her mother and hired out for \$3.00 a week to families who needed domestic help.

She married Elmer Jensen Aug. 20, 1938, at Shenandoah. Four children were born to this union; one daughter, Sandy, and three sons, Stewart, Dwayne and Curtis. After marriage, they continued to live on farms in the Audubon County area. She worked at various jobs such as babysitting, she cared for children whose parents were away for sickness or vacations, cut meat at the Irwin Locker for five years and she worked at the Irwin Cafe. In 1978, they moved to Westridge Apartments in Harlan. Elmer died Feb. 9, 1981. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home Dec. 15, 1989. She died Feb. 8, 1998, at age 78 years, six months and nine days. She was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer, and two sisters, Juletta Petersen and Mae Jepps. Survivors include her children, Curtis Jensen of Harlan; Dwayne Jensen of Lincoln, IL; Stewart Jensen (Charlene) of Spirit Lake; and Sandra (Ron) Roenfeldt of Harlan; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; her brother and sisters, Ten Molgaard (Louise) of Audubon; Sigerd Molgaard of Audubon; Sylvia Bobenmeyer of Lake View; Myrtle (Russell) Nelsen of Elk Horn; Maxine (Harvey) Nelsen of Arizona and Mertlyn Molgaard (Norma) of Elk Horn, and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Feb. 10, 1998, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.