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Elma Dent, 98 ↓

March 18, 1907 - April 5, 2005

HARLAN — Elma (Petersen) Dent, the daughter of Senius Petersen and Jensine Petersen, was born March 18, 1907, on a farm in Jackson Township, Shelby County. As a young girl, she kept house for people in the community. She grew to adulthood in the Jacksonville and Redline Community.

Jan. 22, 1927, Elma married Dallas Dent at the Lutheran parsonage in Jacksonville. Three children were born to this union, Colleen, Darrell and Beverly. After their marriage, the couple farmed near Redline until 1954, when they moved into Harlan. Dallas died in 1990, after celebrating 67 years of marriage. In 1992, Elma moved to the Westridge Apartments in Harlan. She was a member of the Redline Church of Christ and was a charter member of the Polk Center Workers Club and was one of the last surviving members. She died April 5, 2005, at Salem Lutheran Home at age 98 years and 18 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Dallas, Elma was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Colleen; and infant sister; two brothers, Gerhart and Leo; a sister, Inez Hansen; and son-in-law, Edward Tolle. Survivors include her son, Darrell Dent (Lorraine) of Council Bluffs; her daughter, Beverly Tolle of Kirkman; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; several step great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 8, 2005 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Roy North officiating clergy. Casket bearers were Duane Dent, Nathan Tolle, Lyle Petersen, Kevin Walters, Brian Tolle and Kevin Fries. Burial was in the Redline Cemetery.

