

## **Alice Mae Foster, 75**

**Oct. 7, 1918 - March 26, 1994**

**Harlan** - Alice Mae Foster, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Messerschmidt) Dinesen, was born Oct. 7, 1918 in Harlan. She attended Douglas #9 country school and Harlan High School graduating in 1935. She then attended Thompson's Beauty School in Des Moines, and worked in Harlan as a hairdresser for over four years.

Aug. 10, 1941 she married Edgar A. Rogers in Omaha, NE. Three children were born to this union. The couple spent the first years of their marriage in Burlington, and Des Moines, where Edgar worked in the War Plants. In 1945, they moved back to the Harlan area, to the farm where she was born. Edgar died Oct. 23, 1957. In January, 1958, she began working for Drs. Donlin and Markham. In 1959, she and her children moved into Harlan.

March 18, 1972, she married Lee K. Foster in Harlan. He died suddenly May 17, 1972. She continued to work for the doctors until her retirement in 1983. She later moved to the Baptist Memorial Home, where she was a resident at the time of her death. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, VFW #941 Auxiliary, Zenobia Rebekah Lodge #286. She was a charter member of the Shelby County Historical Society, and a member of the Iowa and National Historical Societies. She died March 26, 1994, at Myrtue Memorial hospital at age 75 years, 5 months, and 19 days. As per her request, her body was donated to Creighton University, Omaha.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her first husband, Edgar; her second husband, Lee; and one brother, Leonard Dinesen. Survivors include two sons, Thomas E. (Lilah) Rogers of Mesa, AZ, and Robert A. Rogers of Soquel, CA; one daughter, Rebecca L. (George) Finley of Lincoln, NE; one step-daughter, Tiah A. Foster, M.D. of CA; one brother, Melvin C. (Millie) Dinesen of Overton, NV; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held March 30, 1994 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church, Harlan, presiding. Burial will be at a later date in the Harlan cemetery. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.