

Bertha Marie Sutton Hansen, 88

Sept. 8, 1902 — Feb. 8, 1991

AVOCA — Bertha Marie Sutton Hansen, daughter of James and Paulina (Loganoni) Johnson, was born Sept. 8, 1902, on a farm near Kimballton in Audubon County. She was baptized at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Kimballton. As a young girl, she moved with her parents to a farm near Kirkman, where she grew to adulthood. She was later confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan.

Sept. of 1920, she married Charles Jasper Sutton. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they moved to Mildred, KS., and later returned to Iowa. She then was employed for many years at the Harlan Produce Company. After the death of Mr. Sutton in Dec. of 1942, she continued to live in Harlan.

Dec. 6, 1943, she married Mike W. Hansen in Omaha, NE. They operated the Conoco Service Station in Harlan. After the death of Mr Hansen Dec. 8, 1961, she worked for many years as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. After she retired as a nurse, she continued to work as a seamstress until she was well past 80 years old. Nov. of 1989, she became a resident of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca, and it was there that she died Feb. 8, 1991 at age 88 years and five months. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, and was also a 47 year member of the VFW Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents and both of her husbands, she was preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters; by one daughter, Viola Petersen and two daughters-in-law, Gerakline J. Robinson and Esther Sutton. She is survived by two sons, Harvey Sutton of Harlan and Stanley Sutton (Mae) of Joplin, MO.; one daughter, Violette (Elin) Hansen of Harlan; and her son-in-law, Leon V. Petersen of Harlan; 19 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11, 1991 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Otto Zwanziger of Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Carl Sutton, David Sutton, James Hansen, Rick Petersen, Steven Sutton, Jeffery Sutton, and Kenneth Petersen serving as casketbearers.