

Leota I. Hansen, 64

JACKSONVILLE - Leota Ione Hansen, daughter of Ellis and Blanche Kemp Gearhart, was born April 11, 1923, near Harlan. She was educated in the rural Center Twp. schools and graduated from Harlan High School.

On Nov. 9, 1941, she married Edward Hansen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They farmed in Jackson Twp. for 45 years before retiring to Harlan in 1986. She was an active member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She died March 16, 1988, at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 64 years, 11 months and 5 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Mary Beth in 1959 and brother, Hoyt. Survivors include her husband, Edward of Harlan; three daughters, Bonnie (Mrs Robert) Myers of Shelby; Loraine (Mrs Kenneth) Towne of Hancock and Ilene (Mrs Verne) Nelson of Harlan; four brothers, Hale Gearhart of Great Falls, MT; Lynn and Charles Gearhart both of Harlan and Stuart Gearhart of Reno, NV, two sisters, Shirley (Mrs Robert) McDermott of Atlantic and Myrna (Mrs Dale) Poldberg of Harlan. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were March 18, 1988 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Oliver S. Solberg officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Steven Myers, Darren Towne, Charles Myers, Steven Attanasio, Wayne Brockhoff and Bruce Poldberg serving as casket bearers. Services were conducted by Burmeister Funeral Home.