

Edna Hansen, 95

Jan. 17, 1905 - Feb. 27, 2000

HARLAN - Edna Jeanette Hansen of Harlan, formerly of Turin and Onawa, was born Jan. 17, 1905, at Campbell, NE, to Henry and Nellie (Berg) Hanson. The family moved to Whiting, in 1907, where she attended country school through eighth grade and then attended Whiting High School, graduating as valedictorian in 1923. After graduation, she enrolled at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and completed one year. In October of 1924, she entered Van Sants School of Business in Omaha, NE. She resided with her aunt while attending school and graduated in the spring of 1926. The following fall, she started teaching country school in Sioux Township, Monona County. It was during that time when she met Nels. The year of 1927-28 she taught school in Jordan Township, also in Monona County.

May 19, 1928, Edna and Nels were married at the Methodist parsonage in Onawa. They farmed for one year on a farm southeast of Turin. In 1929, they moved to a farm near Ft. Calhoun, NE, where their two children were born. They lived on the same farm until 1949, when they purchased a farm three miles southeast of Turin, and remained there until retiring in Onawa in 1971. After Nels died March 5, 1993, she moved to Harlan, and resided in the Baptist Memorial Home (now Elm Crest Retirement Community). She resided there until her death. She held various offices in the Turin United Methodist Church and Ft. Calhoun Presbyterian Church. She also held offices in the Ladies Aid and was a Sunday School teacher at various times. She died Feb. 27, 2000, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 95 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nels M. Hansen; a sister, Florence Rodgers; and a great granddaughter, Amber Williamson. She is survived by a son, Les (Marge) Hansen of Libertyville, IL; and a daughter, Faye (LeRoy) Kannas of Harlan; grandchildren, Kenneth (Elizabeth) Williamson of Ohio; Janet (Farrell) Zimmerman of Harlan; dale (Janne) Williamson; and Lori (John) Finken, all of Kansas City, MO; 11 great grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Harvey (Thelma) Hansen of Turin; and a brother-in-law, Donald Erickson of Sioux City.

Services were held March 2, 2000, at the Pearson Funeral Chapel at Onawa, with Pastor E. Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Dale Williamson, Kenneth Williamson, Farrell Zimmerman and John Finken. Burial was in Belvidere Cemetery at Turin. Pearson Funeral Home and Cremation Service at Onawa in charge of arrangements.
