

Laura Henriksen, 97

April 11, 1900 - Oct. 27, 1997

HARLAN - Laura Henriksen, daughter of Christian and Ingeborg (Hansen) Jensen, was born April 11, 1900, in Jackson Township, Shelby County. She attended country school through the eighth grade. She was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville.

Jan. 23, 1930, in rural Elk Horn, she married LeRoy A. Henriksen. The couple farmed in Shelby County until 1947, when they moved to Harlan because of LeRoy's failing health. LeRoy died Sept. 6, 1948. Laura then worked for a number of years as a hospital cook. She remained in her home until 1988, when she became a resident of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, where she was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Women. She died Oct. 27, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 97 years, six months and 16 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents and two sisters, Anna Doonan and Mary Doonan. Survivors include one son, Lowell L. (Phyllis) Henriksen of Louisville, KY; three grandchildren, David (Rhonda) Henriksen of Chicago, IL; Pam (Lew) Wetzel of Jacksonville, FL and Kristen Henriksen of Atlanta, GA; three great grandchildren, Christopher, Matthew and Megan Wetzel, all of Jacksonville, FL; two sisters-in-law, Stella Christensen and Vernal Henriksen, both of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 29, 1997, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Jon Benson of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, officiating. Casket bearers were Jay Doonan, Kelly Doonan, Jamie Doonan, Dennis Thomsen, Harvey Greve and Howard Henriksen. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.