

Bernice Irene Larsen, 75

Jan. 13, 1919 - March 17, 1994

Harlan - Bernice Irene Larsen, daughter of John and Eva (Vernon) Graves, was born Jan. 13, 1919, in Center Township. She attended country school Center No. 5, and graduated from Harlan High School in 1936.

Sept. 16, 1936 she married Leonard C. Larsen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. They farmed east of Harlan for 37 years, and then moved to Harlan in Nov. 1979. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She died March 17, 1994, at her home in Harlan, at age 75 years, 2 months and 4 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents, three brothers, and one sister. Survivors include her husband, Leonard of Harlan; three sons, Gary (Rose Ann) Larsen and James Larsen, all of Harlan, Dennis (Mary Ann) Larsen of Tempe, AZ; one daughter, Beverly Nelsen Fancher of Manning; two brothers, Frank Graves of Bellingham, WA, and Walter Graves of Tustin, CA; three sisters, Lillian Crabtree, Evelyn Schnabel, and Virginia Capps, of Santa Ana, CA; 12 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 21, 1994, at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Harrison J. Kline presiding. Honorary casket bearers: Brad Larsen, Greg Larsen, Chris Larsen, Chad Nelsen, and Mike Nelsen. Casket bearers were Kevin Kenkel, Dennis Storm, Gerald Grabill, Dennis Joens, Galen Johannsen, and Norman Johannsen. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.