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Margaret D. Larsen, 87

Jan. 25, 1907 - Jan. 8, 1995

Harlan - Margaret Dorthea J. Petersen Larsen, daughter of Christ Nels and Marie (Sorensen) Petersen was born Jan. 25, 1907 at Co. Bluffs. She attended grade school and Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs. At the age of 15 years she was baptized in the Danish Baptist Church. After school she was employed at Beno's Department Store and then worked as an art instructor at Kilpatrick's fine art department in Omaha. She was also the soloist at the grand opening of the Brandeis Department Store in Omaha.

June 19, 1928 she married Roy W. Larsen at her parent's home in Co. Bluffs. They were the parents of one daughter, Jean. After their marriage, they moved to Harlan where he was a rural mail carrier. She was actively involved with her husband in his rural letter carriers association. In 1952.

they moved to Long Beach, CA where they operated a Spudnut Donut Shop. In 1954 they returned to Harlan and established a flower and gift shop in the Home Federal Savings and Loan Building called the Harlan Party Shop. After the death of her husband Dec. 26, 1968, she continued to make her home in Harlan. She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan and a 50 year member of the Lebanon Chapter No. 8, Order of Eastern Star as well as a member of Daughters of the Nile and the Shelby County Garden Club. She died Jan. 8, 1995 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years, 11 months and 14 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruby Petersen and Jeanette Larsen. She is survived by a daughter, Jean (Donald) Christensen of Harlan; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Florence Andersen of Brayton and Virginia Holst of Independence and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 1995 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Nelsen of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Bernard Cox, Lloyd Nelson, Webb Hemminger, Delbert Andersen, Dale E. Sorensen and Norman Mathiasen casket bearers.