

## Elva "Granny" Lauritsen, 81

March 19, 1915 - Oct. 17, 1996

**HARLAN** - Elva Lauritsen, daughter of Andrew J. and Ida Ingerslev Miller, was born on a farm near Kimballton, March 19, 1915. She attended country school and also school in Kimballton. She grew to adulthood in the Kimballton area spending much of her time helping her parents farm.

Aug. 10, 1933, she married Elmer Lauritsen at Audubon. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived on Elmer's parents' farm near Kimballton and later moved to Harlan where he ran a portable feed mill. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She died Oct. 17, 1996, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 81 years, six months and 28 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her son, Lyle; her grandson, Derrick, and her son-in-law, Carl Jensen. Surviving are her children, Leila (James) Sander of Harlan; Lynn Lauritsen (Judy) of Fairfield; her daughter-in-law, Rozann (Lee) Tresner of Peculiar, MO; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; her sisters, Erna Boege (Ralph) and Anna Wieben, both of Reinbeck; two step grandchildren; three step great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 19, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Cemetery in Kimballton, with Darwin Gessert, Donald Gessert, Darold Gessert and Lee Tresner honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Frank Sick, Randy Gessert, Dean Gessert, Chuck Wolken, Ralph Gessert and Don Engemann. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.