

## Edith Long, 94

*April 4, 1908 – June 11, 2002*

**HARLAN** – Edith Kathrine Marie Long was born to Gudrum Kjerstine (Olesen) and Garnar Hans Hansen April 4, 1908, in Baadsbol-Ballum, Denmark. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. At the age of three, she immigrated to the United States with her family on the trans-Atlantic ship, Baltic, and settled in Audubon. April 29, 1957, Edith became a citizen of the United States of America. She attended rural schools in Audubon County.

Sept. 7, 1927, she married Hans Sorensen at the Exira Lutheran Church. To this union six children were born. Following their wedding, the couple farmed in Guthrie County, until retiring in April of 1964. They then moved to Harlan. Oct. 16, 1964, Hans died at age 67.

Aug. 30, 1977, Edith married Gaillard Long at Guthrie Center. The couple resided on an acreage in Guthrie County before moving to Harlan in 1988. Gaillard died Nov. 21, 1998, at age 86. Following Gaillard's death, she continued to live in their home until Jan. 31, 2001, when she became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She died June 11, 2002, at Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center at age 94 years, two months and eight days.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by one son, Merlin Sorensen; great granddaughter, Stacy Jo McMichael; one sister, Anna Sorensen; and son-in-law, Gary Parker. She is survived by her children, Dale Sorensen (Wilma) of Fairfield Bay, AR; Arnold Sorensen (Loretta) of Manson; Norma (Thomas) McMichael of Audubon; Donna Parker of Fallon, NV and Jerry Sorensen (Mary) of Storm Lake; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sisters, Lillie Nielsen of Council Bluffs; Vina Ritter of Des Moines; Palma Williams of Des Moines and Edna Miller of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 15, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with the Revs. Jon Benson and Heather Becklin officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with her sisters, Vina Ritter, Edna Miller, Palma Williams and Lillie Nielsen, honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Lisa Hansen, Don Sorensen, John Hansen, Noel McMichael, J.J. Sorensen and Neal McMichael. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.