

## **Oda Martens, 77**

**April 22, 1913 — March 9, 1991**

**HARLAN** — Oda Jensine Martens, daughter of Andrew and Dorothea Jensen Vithen was born April 22, 1913 at Poplar. She attended rural school in Jackson twp. and graduated from the Harlan High School in 1929.

Dec. 24, 1935, she married Harold Martens in Harlan. She had been employed at Nivens Laundry, the Harlan Produce and in 1978 retired from almost 20 years as a cook at the New Park School. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and a former member of the Rebekah Lodge No. 286 of Harlan. She died March 9, 1991, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 77 years, 10 months and 17 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold in 1987, a half brother, Tony Lindstrom and two half sisters, Esther Nelson and Margaret Petersen. Survivors include her son, Rev. Steven (Margery) of Dimock, S.D.; two brothers, John Vithen of Harlan and Emil Vithen of Kimballton and a sister, Sadie Hanson of Harlan; by three grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 13, 1991 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Rev. Otto Zwanziger, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Rex Grabill, Larry Martens, Mertyn Knudsen, Warren Poldberg, Charles Gearhart and Delane Christianson, casketbearers. Arrangements by Burmeister Funeral Home.