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Mary Martin, 89

HARLAN — Mary Marie Martin, daughter of Chris T. and Sarah K. Nelsen Larsen was born Aug. 4, 1897 near Elk Horn. She was educated at Elk Horn and baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran church.

On Aug. 20, 1916, she married Hal Martin at Elk Horn. They farmed southwest of Harlan for a number of years before moving to Cedar Rapids in 1929. They later moved to Van Horn and Kimballton before coming to Harlan in 1941. She worked for the Golden Rule for 28 years. She died March 3, 1987 at her home in Harlan at age 89 years, 6 months and 29 days.

She was preceded in death by his parents; her husband, Hal in 1967; son, Gailyn in 1970; four brothers, Chris, Nels, Lars and Hans Larsen and two sisters, Annie Christensen and Bertha Skow. Survivors include her daughter, Vivian (Mrs Harvey) Norgard of Harlan; daughter-in-law, Gertrude Martin of Cedar Rapids; three grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one step granddaughter, Sandy Stormer of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were March 6, 1987 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Olsen, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Don Blakely, Wendell Lytle, Deane Blakely and Andrew Pokorny serving as casketbearers.