

Bertha Margareta Mathisen, 93

June 30, 1908 – Sept. 20, 2001

HARLAN – Bertha Margareta Mathisen, daughter of John B. and Mary (Hanssen) Bannick, was born June 30, 1908, near Massena in Cass County. She was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical Lutheran Church located south of Wiota. She attended Gold Hill Public School District #10 in Franklin Township, Cass County.

March 14, 1928, she married Ernest Mathisen in Elk Horn. The couple lived in the Atlantic area, where they raised their three children, Dorothy, Doris and Clark, and Bertha worked as a housekeeper for various families. Ernest died Oct. 22, 1963, and Bertha remained in Atlantic until 1994, when she moved to Harlan. July 1, 1997, she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. She died Sept. 20, 2001, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn at age 93 years, two months and 21 days.

Preceding Bertha in death were her parents; her husband, Ernest; one sister, Louise Deetz; two brothers, Francis Bannick and Carl Bannick; one daughter, Dorothy Meyers; and one granddaughter, Carol Diane Meyers. Survivors include one son, Clark (Joan) Mathisen of Omaha, NE; one daughter, Doris (Lawrence) Rasmussen of Harlan; one son-in-law, Larry (Jean) Meyers of Austin, TX; one sister, Erma Anderson of Rock Falls, IL; six grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 24, 2001, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Linda Nugent, Brent Rasmussen, Jolene Davolt, Dean Mathisen, Dana Warsocki and Daniel Mathisen. Burial was in the Atlantic Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.