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## **Helen Nelson, 76**

**Oct. 23, 1917 - Feb. 23, 1994**

**Harlan** - Helen Christine Nelson, daughter of Chris P. and Anna Jensen was born Oct. 23, 1917 on a farm near Clark's Grove, MN. She attended rural school near there and graduated from Albert Lea High School. She was baptized at the Clarks Grove Baptist Church Aug. 12, 1928. She faithfully attended, served and was an active member of the Clarks Grove Baptist Church and Merrill's Grove Baptist Church at Fiscus. At the time of her death, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Harlan. She enjoyed playing hymns on the piano and was devoted to Bible reading and study.

She married Merle Nelson March 25, 1938, and four children were born to this union. She resided on the family farm in Audubon County, in Irwin and Harlan before entering the Baptist Memorial Home Feb. 2, 1990. It was there she died Feb. 23, 1994 at age 76 years and four months.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her children: Janet (Jerald) Nelson of Urbandale, Norman (Merilyn) Nelson of Colorado Springs, CO, Wyman (Laurie) Nelson of Blair, NE, and David (Wanda) Nelson of Bouton; nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren; sister Virginia (Jack) Jensen of Clear Lake and other relatives.

Services were held Feb. 26, 1994 at the First Baptist Church in Harlan with Pastor Jeff Nelsen officiating. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove cemetery with Jim Nelson, Paul C. Nelson, Randall C. Nelson, Everett R. Nelson, Robert Burton and Dean Bartelson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.