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## Helen Zoe Nelson, 84

Feb. 27, 1913 - June 16, 1997

**ELK HORN** - Helen Zoe Nelson, daughter of Luke Emerson and Mary Hulda (Obrecht) Heflin, was born in rural Shelby County, Feb. 27, 1913. She was raised in Harlan and graduated from the Harlan High School in 1932.

May 26, 1940, she married Oliver Laverne Nelson in Harlan. She taught in country schools in rural Shelby County before her marriage, and in rural Audubon County and rural Shelby County after her marriage. For many years, the couple farmed in the Shelby County and Audubon County areas. They retired to Elk Horn, in the Spring of 1972. She then worked at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn for 12 years. After his death May 18, 1993, she moved to Harlan. She had only recently become a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home. She was a member of the Monroe Chapel in rural Shelby County. She also sold Avon products for many years. She died June 16, 1997, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 84 years, three months and 20 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Oliver; three brothers, Jay, Paul and Gaillard Heflin; and one son-in-law, Fred Redfern. Survivors include two daughters, Vicky (Craig) Parker of Co. Bluffs and Linda Redfern of Osceola; one sister, Lela Ferry of Harlan; six grandchildren, Melissa Parmer, Fritz Redfern, Shawn (Jeff) Joseph, Megan Redfern, David Depew and Jim Depew; one step grandchild, Clay Parker, and five great grandchildren, Eric Parmer, Matthew Parmer, Heather Parmer, Alison Joseph and Nicole Joseph; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 19, 1997, at Burmeister Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Wilcox of the Monroe Chapel officiating. Casket bearers were Larry Manz, Keith Madsen, Robert Roenfeld, James Doonan, Alvie Chipman and John Kelly. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.