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Mina Nielsen, 94 ✓

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HARLAN - Mina Frances Nielsen, daughter of Christen N. and Sadie Elma (Gillet) Stofferson was born Aug. 2, 1897, on a farm in Center twp., Shelby county, the fifth child in a family of seven. She attended country school near her home, often arriving with her brothers and sisters by horse and buggy, and graduated from Harlan High School in 1914. She attended the church her mother helped design in Harlan. After school, she attended the college in Harlan, and helped her mother in their family farm home.

After the return of Walter Nielsen from WW I, they were married in the home of her parents July 30, 1919. To this union, three sons and one daughter were born. After their marriage, they began their farming operation on Walter's parents farm in Fairview twp. They farmed their entire married life on the same farm, and built their new house to retire in. This was her home until Dec. of 1986, when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. She was a member of the Altamont Baptist Church at Cuppy's Grove. They celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary in July of his year. She died Sept. 29, 1991, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 94 years, one month and 27 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur and Ivan Stofferson; two sisters, Verna and Lola; and two granddaughters, Sharon and Shari Nielsen. Surviving her is her husband, Walter Nielsen of Harlan; three sons, Eugene (Margaret) Nielsen; and Vernon (Inez) Nielsen, both of Avoca; and Richard (Rita) Nielsen of Co. Bluffs; a daughter, Doris (Joseph) Myers of Palmdale, CA.; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Victor (Audrey) Stofferson and Reno (Ruby) Stofferson, both of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan Oct. 1, 1991 with Pastor David Erickson of Altamont Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Cuppy's Grove cemetery with Dan Kenney, Leo Nielsen, Jason Kenney, Gary Nielsen, Larry Madson, and Wayne Nielsen casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.