

## Fern Mc Coy Nelsen, 93

*Aug. 22, 1906 - Jan. 8, 2000*

**HARLAN** - Fern Nelsen, daughter of Hattie (Gray) and Orrin McCoy, was born Aug. 22, 1906, on a farm south of Portsmouth. She spent the majority of her childhood in Harrison County where she attended various country schools. She was baptized and confirmed in the English Lutheran Church of Avoca, in April of 1952.

Sept. 30, 1925, she married Edward Plambeck in Logan. Two children were born to this union.

July 1, 1951, she married Chris F. Nelsen at the English Lutheran Church in Avoca. The couple moved to Omaha, NE, where they lived for seven years returning to Harlan, in December of 1961. Following their return to Harlan, Chris died Jan. 9, 1962. Fern relocated to the Westridge Apartments in April of 1977. She resided there until 1994, when she entered Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. During her life, she was employed at the Noble Grocery Store, the Nels Jacobsen Grocery Store and as a seamstress at Harlan Clothing. She was a member of the Shelby County VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Harlan, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She died Jan. 8, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 93 years, four months and 17 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by three great grandchildren, Teri Rose, Gordon Rice and David Cox; two sisters, Olive Pitt and Esther Lahr; and three brothers, Frank, Walter and Wilbur McCoy. She is survived by her daughter, Betty Jean (Ole) Olson of Harlan; her son, George Plambeck (Phyllis) of Sunnyvale, CA; nine grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 18 great great grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Edna Nelsen of Avoca; Evelyn Nelsen of Avoca; Lorene Nelsen of Avoca; Margery Nelsen of Avoca; Lillian Flaherty of California; Pearl Plambeck of Persia; Eleanor O'Keefe of Omaha, NE; Opal Plambeck of Blair, NE and Iona McCoy of Atlantic; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 2000, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Wayne Paulsen, lay minister of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, with Chris Cox, Lonnie E. Nelsen, Jim Birch, Don Olson, Allen Cox and Jim Brown casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

