

Cecile Therese Nelson, 91

Sept. 7, 1905 - Jan. 31, 1997

HARLAN - Cecile Therese Nelson, daughter of Jerry and Anna (Petersen) Christensen, was born Sept. 7, 1905, in Cuppy's Grove. She was educated in the Harlan Schools, and was a rural school teacher in the Cuppy's Grove area.

She married Nicholas D. Polzois April 18, 1924. To this union was born three children, James D., Denise M. and Estella M.

He died July, 1948, in Harlan where the couple made their home. Cecile became a bookkeeper for the Harlan Newspapers where she remained for nearly 25 years.

In Sept. 1960, Cecile married Leonard I. Nelson of rural Exira. He died April of 1991. She died Jan. 31, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 91 years, four months and 24 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husbands; five brothers, Thomas, E. Russell, Avin, Leonard and Jacob, and one sister, Effie Rold. Survivors include one son, James D. Polzois of Charleston, SC; two daughters, Denise (Arthur) Eckermann of Berwick and Estella (Jim) Lilly of Sarasota, FL; four grandchildren, Kelley Eckermann, Jordan Eckermann, Kirsten (Jeff) Bandow and John Lilly and four great grandchildren, Nathan Bandow, Jill Bandow, Christopher Lilly and Elizabeth Lilly.

Graveside services were held Feb. 1, 1997, at the Harlan Cemetery with Rev. David Erickson of the Altamont Baptist Church officiating. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

