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Mildred Nelson, 89

March 25, 1912 – Nov. 1, 2001

HARLAN – Mildred Amanda Nelson was born March 25, 1912, near Minden, the daughter of Hans Rudolph and Amanda Margaret Dau Schnepel, and was one of eight children in the family. She attended country school and then graduated from Minden High School with the Class of 1930. She took nurses training at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs.

She married John Nelson Dec. 20, 1933, at her parents' home south of Minden. They were the parents of two children, Ivan and Lila. She was a housewife and mother. John died Oct. 6, 1986. In October of 1987, Mildred moved to Harlan. She later became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community. She died Nov. 1, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years, seven months and 17 days.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; her son, Ivan; seven brothers and sisters, Claudius, Ralph and Gifford Schnepel, Linda Danker, Grace Siebels and Vera Schroder. She is survived by her daughter, Lila (Ronald) Davis of Harlan; her daughter-in-law, Sharon Nelson of Shelby; her grandchildren, Craig Davis (Jane) of Washington, IA; Carol Hanson (Craig) of Chesterfield, MO; Paulette Zimmerman (Kevin) of Minden; Coleen Watson (Michael) of Mechanicsburg, PA; Waylan Nelson (Tanya) of Shelby; 10 great grandchildren; her sister, Alpha Haas (Kenneth) of Audubon; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3, 2001, at Knutson Funeral Chapel with Mr. Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Craig Davis, Waylan Nelson, Carol Hanson, Coleen Watson, Paulette Zimmerman, Thomas Davis and Kyle Zimmerman.