

Marjorie Elaine Richards, 81

Dec. 16, 1920 - Sept. 18, 2002

HARLAN – Marjorie Elaine Richards, daughter of Harry and Stella (Petersen) Henriksen, was born Dec. 16, 1920, in rural Shelby County. After graduating from Harlan High School, she taught school in Jackson and Polk Townships.

Dec. 22, 1943, Marjorie married Harold Leroy Richards at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. The couple lived in Jacksonville for a short time before Harold entered military service. After Harold returned from the service, he and Marjorie farmed with his father near Corley. In 1954, they moved to the Hans Christensen farm in the Jackson No. 7 district, and farmed there until 1981. Dec. 4, 1981, they moved to their home in Kimballton. Following a stroke in the fall of 1998, Marjorie became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. She was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She was a 4-H leader for many years. She died Sept. 18, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 81 years, nine months and two days.

Preceding Marjorie in death were her parents; her husband, Harold, Sept. 27, 2001; and one daughter, Karen Schelling. Survivors include one daughter, Jill (Dave) Clark of Harlan; one son-in-law, Brian Schelling of Rochester, MN; one brother, Howard (Rhoda) Henriksen of Harlan; one sister-in-law, Frances Petersen of Wichita Falls, TX; four grandsons, Jeff Schelling, Greg Schelling, Colin Clark and Jeremy Clark; four great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 21, 2002, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, with Pastor Henry Flessner officiating. Casket bearers were Charlie Henriksen, Andy Anderson, Jeff Schelling, Greg Schelling, Jay Anderson and Jake Henriksen. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.